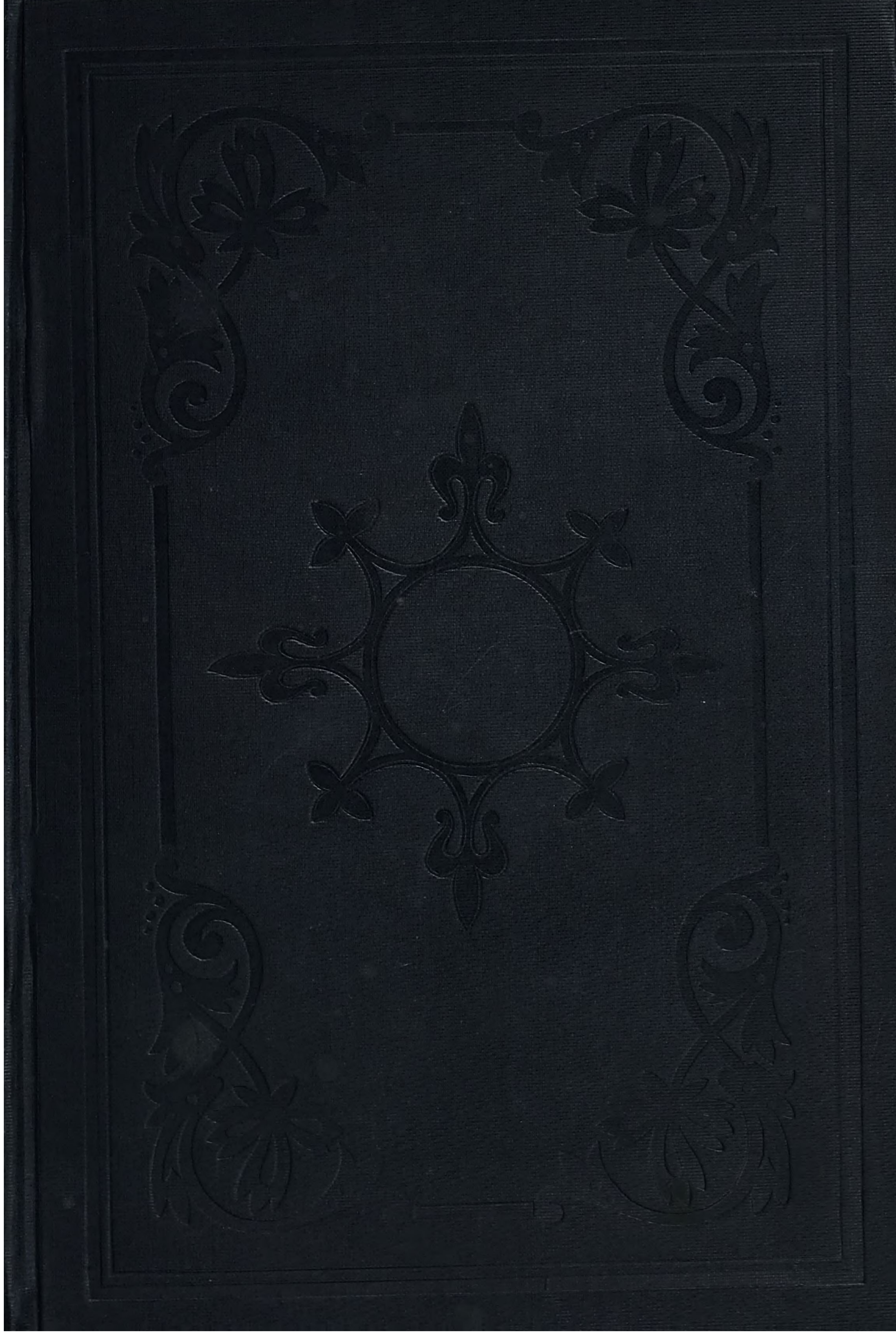




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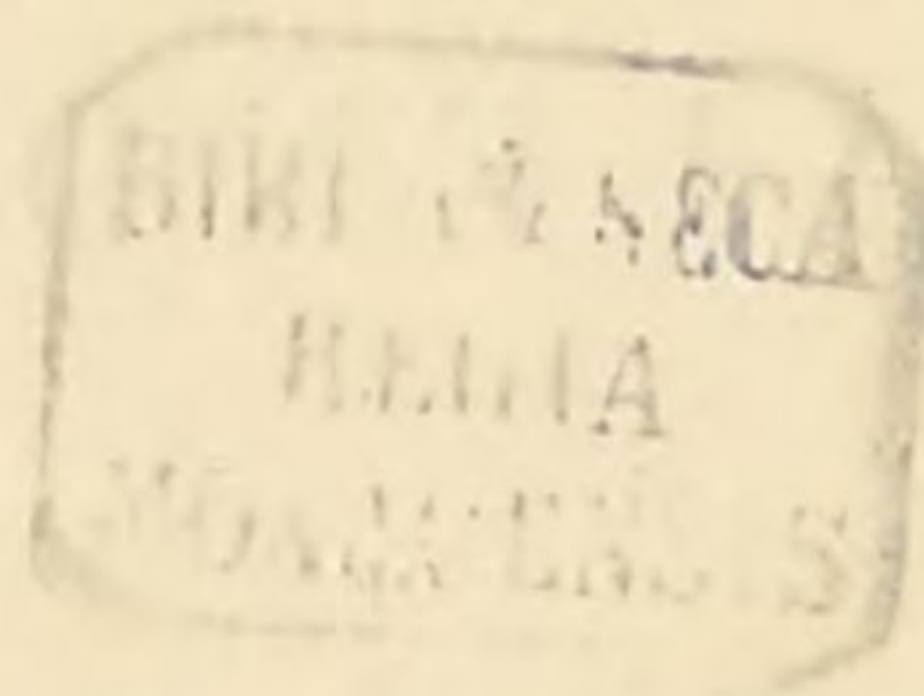
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THE contents of the present volume differ slightly from those of the preceding volumes of the Calendar. The Levant Papers are no longer included, but, on the other hand, the documents calendared are largely increased by the addition of the Irish State Papers preserved in the Record Office and of the Signet Books, the contents of which, with very few exceptions, consist of copies of letters to different officials in Ireland—practically they are the Irish Letter Books.

As the entries relating to Ireland in the Entry Books are now calendared, it has been considered desirable to add the few which relate to Foreign and Colonial affairs. The Calendar therefore now includes all the contents of the Entry Books, whereas hitherto those which did not relate to purely Domestic affairs were omitted.

The Papers of this year contain but little new historical information. The principal exceptions are—(i) the documents, which show that as late as the summer of 1671, Richard Cromwell was considered by the Government of Charles II. so dangerous, that¹ orders were given to secure and search the houses of several persons in and near London, who were suspected of concealing him, and² also to search his own house at Hursley; (ii) the curious series of notes,³ jotted down by Williamson, of the information received from Blood and others relating to the parties in London who were opposed to the established order in Church and State. Unfortunately those notes, being intended only for Williamson's own use, are written in a very minute hand, with numerous abbreviations, so that it is frequently difficult or even impossible to make out words, especially proper names, with any certainty. Parts, too, have been so injured as to be quite illegible.

¹ p. 335.

² p. 340.

³ pp. 496, 553, 556, 560, 562, 568, 581.

They contain, however, a good deal that is interesting, some particulars of which will be given hereafter. More of them will occur in the next volume of the Calendar.

Parliament was sitting till 22 April, but the notices of its proceedings in the State Papers are few and unimportant. Some, such as the address to the King¹ for preventing the growth of Popery, are printed in the *Journals*. In news-letters and letters the proceedings on the Subsidy and Excise Bills are occasionally noticed. The proceedings of the Committee of the Lords upon the assault on the Duke of Ormonde are sometimes mentioned, and their passing the bill known as the Coventry Act.² There is nothing in the State Papers concerning the famous dispute between the two Houses as to the right of the Lords to amend a Money Bill,—that for imposing impositions on sugar,—which was terminated by the prorogation in April, neither House giving way. This proposed tax, however, was doubtless the occasion of several Papers³ setting forth the cases of the English sugar planters and the sugar refiners in England, in which the refiners contended that the duty on white sugar should be four times that on brown, while the planters argued that the just ratio would be $2\frac{1}{2}$ to one. These Papers give a good deal of information about the sugar trade and manufacture. The arguments adduced by either side illustrate the notions then prevalent about the nature of the advantages to be derived from commerce. Neither of the contending parties, it may be observed, says a word about the interests of the consumer in the question. There are no Papers directly relating to another famous controversy between the Houses, that caused by the dispute between Skinner and the East India Company, but there are two petitions to the King from Skinner,⁴ praying for redress against the Company, and there is an information⁵ against him which alleges that, to revenge himself on the Com-

¹ p. 92.

² p. 39.

³ p. 117.

⁴ pp. 411, 427.

⁵ p. 452.

pany, he had proposed to the King of France to make him master of the Island of St. Helena.

It may be observed that the receipts from the Subsidy on the whole fell considerably short of the estimate,¹ the assessors in many places interpreting the Act in such a way as to return estates much below their real value, for instance, deducting all chimney money, cesses to church and poor, servants' wages, and the necessary support of one's family, and returning only the balance as the clear yearly value.² A sketch of a proposed answer from Lord Conway to the Lords Commissioners for assessing the peerage, shows the kind of excuses put forward.³

Notices of the King appear on almost every page. Early in February he was at a great entertainment at Gray's Inn, with most of the Court in masquerade.⁴ His intended journey to Newmarket and Yarmouth was abandoned on account of the death of the Duchess of York.⁵ Early in May he paid a visit to Chatham and Sheerness,⁶ and went to Windsor on 26 May,⁷ where on the 29th, the anniversary of his birth and restoration, he held an installation of the Order of the Garter,⁸ at which the King of Sweden and the Elector of Saxony were installed Knights by proxy. He remained at Windsor, occasionally coming to Whitehall on business for the day, till Thursday, July 13th, when he went to Portsmouth.⁹ After visiting the ships there and trying his yachts, he sailed in his new yacht, the *Cleveland*, for Plymouth, where he arrived on Monday morning.¹⁰ He viewed the harbour and Mount Edgecombe, and touched many people for the Evil, and sailed eastwards again on Tuesday evening. The wind, however, being contrary, he landed at Dartmouth on the 21st,¹¹ and returned to London by land. He stayed in London about two months, with occasional visits to

¹ pp. 411, 427.

² p. 452.

³ p. 320.

⁴ p. 69.

⁵ pp. 170, 183.

⁶ p. 217.

⁷ p. 279.

⁸ p. 283.

⁹ pp. 384, 385.

¹⁰ pp. 391, 392.

¹¹ p. 395.

Windsor,¹ Guildford,² Tilbury, and Epping Forest.³ He then journeyed to Norwich and Yarmouth, where he was observed to feed heartily on the sea-made herrings,⁴ and was presented by the Corporation with a warp of golden herrings hung on a golden chain.⁵ After visiting Lord Arlington at Euston⁶—the visit described in Evelyn's diary—he returned to Whitehall on October 20th.⁷

The Duke of York is frequently mentioned, but there is nothing about him of great interest. There are several notices of the illness of the Duchess, which was terminated by her death on March 31. A description of her funeral will be found on p. 177. Her only surviving son, Edgar, Duke of Cambridge, was in bad health, and died on June 9th,⁸ and on the 12th was buried very privately in Henry VII.'s Chapel.⁹ Her youngest daughter, Katherine, was baptized on February 10th.¹⁰

The visit of the Prince of Orange to England ended the middle of February, when he returned to the Hague.¹¹ Later in the year he visited the Great Elector at Berlin and Custrin,¹² having recovered from the ague mentioned in a news-letter of April.¹³

On February 9 a warrant¹⁴ was issued for payment to him of 180,000*l.*, in discharge of 40,000*l.*, the marriage portion of his mother, the late Princess, and of 53,090*l.* due to him from the King and of the interest thereon, 40,000*l.* to be paid the following Christmas and 20,000*l.* every succeeding half-year. A letter, five months later, of his secretary and agent, Huygens,¹⁵ the celebrated mathematician and astronomer, shows the difficulties he had to contend with in getting this sum effectually assigned on the revenue, notwithstanding the willingness of the House of Commons¹⁶ to extend the period for which the

¹ pp. 409, 426, 449.

² pp. 416, 420.

³ p. 436.

⁴ p. 517.

⁵ p. 488.

⁶ p. 524.

⁷ p. 539.

⁸ p. 311.

⁹ p. 317.

¹⁰ p. 78.

¹¹ pp. 85, 101.

¹² pp. 362, 367.

¹³ p. 181.

¹⁴ p. 75.

¹⁵ p. 370.

¹⁶ p. 179.

duty on proceedings at law was to be granted, in consideration of the said debt being ordered to be paid, and notwithstanding the affection the Prince had won by his conduct during his visit.

Prince Rupert, in July, was appointed one of the commission to enquire into the settlement of Ireland.¹ On November 17 he was granted a patent for his inventions for converting tools and other forged instruments and iron wire into steel, for softening cast iron so as to be wrought like forged iron, and for tincturing copper upon iron.²

Engines for draining coal-pits and drawing up coals are mentioned in Capt. Straton's petition,³ praying for a patent for them, but the petition does not show the nature of the invention.

The country was on the whole in a tranquil condition during this year. In Worcestershire some riotous people, who called themselves Levellers,⁴ but who appear to have had no political objects, their motives being partly robbery and partly mere wanton mischief, went so far as to attack a house at night and shoot one of its defenders. Some of the minor culprits were fined and imprisoned at the January Sessions, and bills for felony and misdemeanour were found against the principals, who had fled, and it was believed the gang had been thereby broken up.

Rioters at Saffron Hill, on Sunday afternoon, May 14, pulled down part of William Rogers' house and attacked that of Justice Weld.⁵ The numbers were too much for the constables, and a detachment of the Horse Guards had to be sent for.⁶ A disturbance at Newcastle, caused by the tumultuous assemblage of the keelmen, on the pretext of their ill-treatment by the masters of the colliers as to hire and wages, was suppressed by the Mayor and the Aldermen, with the assistance of Lord Widdrington.⁷

There was, however, a considerable amount of disaffection towards the Government. This found expression in

¹ p. 358.

² p. 572.

³ p. 380.

⁴ p. 18.

⁵ p. 241.

⁶ p. 242.

⁷ p. 297.

the remarkable speech of Lord Lucas on the second reading of the Subsidy Bill.¹ If the report in the State Papers represents what he really said, he complained of the want of money in the country, and declared that a few men were growing rich and flourishing, while many who had been imprisoned and sequestered were left without reward, and proposed that the rate of the Subsidy should be reduced to 8*d.* in the pound. Though the report calendared appears to be taken from an edition printed in 1673, since the address to the reader refers to events that happened in 1672, the speech, or what purported to be the speech, was extensively printed and circulated,² although the House of Lords had ordered it to be burnt by the common hangman.³ One of Williamson's informants in like manner speaks of the dissatisfaction of the gentry caused by their not being as high as others at Court, and especially by their being unrewarded for their sufferings.⁴ Sir Thomas Player is a witness of the feelings of a different class. "Last year, when the Act against Conventicles was put in execution, the cry of that sort of people was that both our consciences and purses are oppressed Since, the laws against Conventicles have been laid asleep, and a moderate Lord Mayor has let the people do what they list, now, upon the coming out of the Subsidy Act, these people, that meet when and as often as they please in their private assemblies, cry out, 'Oh, our taxes! Oh, our burdens, more than the Egyptians,'" &c.⁵

The search for Richard Cromwell has already been alluded to. On June 22 warrants⁶ were issued to arrest nine persons and to search their houses for Richard Cromwell, and the next day a warrant was sent to Col. Rogers to search for him at the house near Winchester which formerly belonged to his father-in-law, and to bring him or any person suspected to be him under safe guard to Whitehall or Windsor. This was to be done with

¹ p. 93.

² pp. 137, 345, 428.

³ p. 157.

⁴ p. 563.

⁵ p. 368.

⁶ p. 335.

all imaginable speed and secrecy, that the noise of it might not reach London till the thing was fully finished.¹ The search, however, was without result, Col. Rogers reporting that in England he might be, but not there.² A letter found on that occasion is printed on the same page, but apparently it only gives directions how R. Cromwell should be corresponded with under the name of Browne. Some of the Nonconformists were reported to have R. Cromwell's secret.³ In July, Ludlow was said to have been seen at Loughton in Essex,⁴ but this was probably one of the unfounded rumours noticed in Mr. Firth's introduction to his edition of Ludlow's memoirs.

Blood's attempt to steal the Crown on 5 May is narrated on p. 225. He was committed to the Tower with his accomplices, his son and Perrott, and on the 12th was examined by the King, the Duke of York, and others.⁵ In a letter to the King,⁶ remarkable for its impudence, he accused Sir Thomas Osborne and Sir Thomas Littleton, the joint treasurers of the Navy, of having instigated the attempt. It concludes: "Not else, but am youre Majestie's
" prisoner, and if life spared, youer dutifull subjectt whose
" name is Blood, which I hope is not that your Majestie
" seeks after." It is well known that he was released and pardoned, and taken into favour. In return he acted partly as a spy upon the various parties in the City who were opposed to the established order in Church and State, and partly as a medium of communication between them and the Government. Much curious information derived from him will be found in the notes by Williamson, to which attention has already been directed.

On July 1 a meeting of Sabbatarians, or Fifth Monarchy men, at Bell Lane, Spitalfields, was broken up by Sir John Robinson.⁷ Four of the ringleaders were committed to the Tower, 26 others to Newgate, and four apprentices to Bridewell. Those in Newgate were tried at the

¹ p. 335.² p. 340.³ pp. 569, 570.⁴ p. 413.⁵ p. 237.⁶ p. 255.⁷ p. 356.

following Sessions, and, on their refusing to take the oath of allegiance, they were found guilty by the jury, and so their goods would be confiscated and themselves imprisoned during his Majesty's pleasure.¹ About the same time, the house at Houndsditch of Barrow, formerly a Cromwellian colonel in Ireland, who had married Major-General Harrison's widow, was searched by warrant from Mr. Justice Morton, but Barrow and his company escaped by the connivance of the constable, himself a fanatic, *i.e.* Nonconformist.²

Notwithstanding the stringent laws against Conventicles the Dissenters continued to meet, the authorities in some places discouraging proceedings against them. Thus from Dover a correspondent writes, "The Mayor winks at all
" Conventicles, and at the law and charters too, so we are
" a sad divided people, and without a speedy remedy from
" his Majesty we shall be worse."³ The following month, however, "the Mayor and Jurats caused the Anabaptists'
" pulpit, forms, and benches to be pulled down and hung
" padlocks on the doors, but on Sunday morning betimes
" the staples and locks were broke off, and the Anabap-
" tists went to their old trade again. At the Presbyterian
" meeting-house we could not get in; those that hired it
" were so obstinate that they would not open the door."⁴ The Mayor, "guided by a party, some Quakers, many
" Anabaptists, and most of them Nonconformists and
" excommunicated persons,"⁵ in October summoned a meeting of the freemen to alter the government of the corporation, but he was cited to appear on November 20th before the Lord Warden, who made an order that henceforth vacancies in the Common Council be filled up by the Mayor and Jurats, and vacancies among the Jurats by the Mayor and Jurats from the Common Councilmen.⁶ There is a long narrative,⁷ inserted under the date of 25 January, but which should have been placed in the previous

¹ p. 386.² p. 476.³ p. 15.⁴ p. 65.⁵ p. 545.⁶ p. 591.⁷ p. 46.

November, relating how after 1666 the Nonconformist party got the upper hand in the corporation at Great Yarmouth, and how they proceeded to hold public meetings without any steps being taken to restrain them. Out of 12,000 communicants estimated to be in that town, not 500 had received the Sacrament. In September, however, the Nonconformists were much discouraged by the election of Sir Thomas Medowes as head bailiff, concluding that their meetings, which had very much increased, would now be put by.¹ At Taunton Conventicles were very numerous, and no course was taken to bring them to obedience to the law. The anniversary of the raising of the siege in 1645 was celebrated with great solemnity. The shops were generally shut, and a bonfire was made in the middle of the town.²

At Gloucester the Mayor removed a trophy erected over the south gate, to commemorate the deliverance of the city by Essex in 1643, with the motto, "A city assaulted by man but saved by God," and replaced it with the King's arms.³ At this place party spirit ran very high. Dr. Fielding, an Alderman, was disfranchised by a small majority of the Common Council, to the great joy of the loyal party.⁴ The Mayor, Dr. Fowler, summoned a meeting to elect another Alderman, but could not procure a *quorum*, the opposite party refusing to attend. Consequently no new Mayor could be elected, there being only ten Aldermen, and the charter requiring eleven.⁵ The Mayor convened a meeting of the Aldermen and Common Council at one on October 2, for election of a new Mayor and officers, summoning them to attend morning service at the Cathedral at ten. He and his party accordingly met there, but during the service the opposite party met and elected Alderman Bubb as Mayor, and chose two sheriffs and other officers of their own faction. When Dr. Fowler and his party proceeded to the Council Hall at one, as was appointed, they were met by a cry that the election was

¹ p. 464.

² p. 309.

³ p. 420.

⁴ pp. 419, 420.

⁵ p. 457.

already over, and by a demand for the sword and maces. On Fowler's refusal to surrender them to one whom he did not consider to be the King's lieutenant, a hubbub arose, and harsh words and some blows were exchanged. Dr. Fowler, however, forced the door of the chamber, which had been closed, and carried the sword and maces to his own house. The opposite party remained in the chamber, and swore in their Mayor and sheriffs.¹ These proceedings were naturally resented by the Government. On the 9th Dr. Fowler was ordered to continue as Mayor, till the matter of the late pretended election was determined by the Council, and the Marquis of Worcester was enjoined to prevent further disorders in the city,² and on the 21st a serjeant-at-arms was despatched to arrest Bubb and bring him before the Council,³ who decided that the charter was forfeited, and on November 28th it was surrendered to the King.⁴

A Worcestershire letter describes one method adopted by the Conventiclers to protect themselves, namely, the bringing actions against informers, and putting them to a ruinous expense in costs. Another expedient was, for a convicted person to remain where he was, but to remove all his goods into another county, so that the penalty could not be levied, as no certificate could be sent to a justice in the county where the goods were, the man not having been an inhabitant there, and not having fled thither since conviction. The writer suggests that provisions should be introduced into the new Bill against Conventicles to protect informers, and to meet the above case of the removal of goods.⁵

This Bill, increasing the severity of the previous Acts, passed the Commons, and was read a second time in the Lords early in April,⁶ but further proceedings on it were stopped by the prorogation.

Of all the Nonconformist sects the Quakers were perhaps the greatest sufferers. The petition of those at

¹ p. 522.

² p. 517.

³ p. 531.

⁴ p. 587.

⁵ p. 20.

⁶ p. 177.

Nottingham to the King and Parliament¹ shows the oppressions they were exposed to from informers and others, and the pathetic letter and petition of Ambrose Rigge,² who had been imprisoned for ten years because he dared not go against his conscience by swearing, cannot be read without sympathy. One is glad to know that he was released in the following year. Yet their policy of passive resistance had sometimes a ludicrous side. When a constable demanded the names of eleven whom he did not know at a meeting at Pakefield, near Lowestoft, they refused to give them. On his procuring a warrant to bring them before a justice, they refused to go, on the ground that the warrant required him to bring them. The constable then “got a cart, but, they not being free to go in themselves, “ the constable with his assistants were forced to put “ them in. The first put in were so cross that they would “ lie at their length, so that they could not stow half of “ them, whereon the carter laid them one upon another, “ but this not being for their ease they then sat up. At “ the justice’s door they could not persuade them to come “ out of the cart, on which the carter cast off the belly- “ band, lifted up the tibbs of the cart, and so threw them “ out all together, which so cooled their courage that, “ coming before the justice, they all gave in their names “ and were dismissed for the present.”³ One notice occurs of their leader Penn, described as the great opinionist. On October 24th he landed at Harwich from a packet-boat from Holland, and presently associated himself with the Quakers there.⁴ His namesake and kinsman, the Clerk of the Cheque at Kinsale, is however mentioned several times.

Allusion has already been made to Williamson’s notes, from which some extracts will now be given. On September 21 he notes:—

“ If the Savoy business had taken effect, there had not been a fanatic in England. Congregations are now come to ride their teachers, and make them do what they will. If you will not preach to us, another shall. The

¹ p. 594.

³ p. 419.

⁴ p. 541.

² p. 450.

people grow more fanatic ; all the Presbyterians are growing to Independents, and so must the teachers. Pres[byterians] engaged (?) in a choice of younger preachers, that shall come out of the country to London (?), that shall lead them, &c. The K[ing] to allow them something. The right ministry is to be affectionate and without notes. . . . The City look on the correspondence with France as Popish, to the destruction of the Protestant religion. The Scots will be firm against this conjunction. . . . Jones and Lockyer, a shrewd fellow, corresponds with the Dutch, as he and Bl[ood] did. He shuffled away Richard [Cromwell?] while Bl[ood] was in hold. Mr. Jekell put Bl[ood] after L[ord] Ormonde's business to have killed the K[ing] at the H[ouse] of Lords with 300 men. . . . He had men there ready to do it."¹

On November 2 Williamson notes that the greater part, though not the most important, of the Conventicles now meet publicly, the prorogation of Parliament in September till October 1672 having cut off their hopes of obtaining a legal right of meeting. It was suggested that the new Lord Mayor should connive at private meetings, but only as his own act, and not let it be supposed to come from the King, which would be said to arise from impotency and fear. The dilemma was that concession would be construed as due to fear, while repression by force would exasperate them. It was also suggested that their going into meeting-houses was instigated by agents and partisans of the Dutch in London.²

Two days later it was proposed that the Lord Mayor should say,—

“That he is going to meet his government and affront to the laws at once. All the last year's meetings forbore. Now he finds them meet again. None met. If they reply, we have issued the summons to our members and cannot conveniently contradict them now, but we will meet no more after to-morrow, this may suffice.”³

On the 9th Ennys, an agent of the Nonconformists, is said to have been with the King the previous night to desire the same liberty to all as to others, *i.e.*, to the Quakers. Either the Quakers should be kept from meetings, or others more sober, as Independents and Presbyterians, be permitted to meet. The Lord Mayor had been with the King on Monday the 5th, and the ministers met him afterwards, and apprehended that he was satisfied with

¹ p. 496.

² p. 554.

³ p. 556.

them, as they were with him. The last Lord Mayor was said to have received a message from the King to waive meetings, but he immediately went to the King, who left all to his discretion.¹

On the 11th Dr. Butler informed Williamson that Ennys was with—

“the King Wednesday night, and conveyed (?) to him several of the meeting-house ministers sent to by Lord Mayor on Monday, and prayed liberty for the great meeting-houses. The King answered he could not. That he had all tenderness, but could not. That they must order their meetings discreetly, that they may strengthen my hands and not weaken them. Yet they resolve to go into their meeting-houses.”

In Butler's opinion they were going into a Dutch war with more disadvantage than the last, as it was supposed they were going into it for the sake of the French. The merchants did not admit they were aggrieved by the Dutch, but thought it a French trick. Care should be taken lest the Dutch should land, and take some head of the Nonconformists to lead them. The seamen were dissatisfied. The meeting-house people had been viewed by the Doctor and were—

“a stout, sturdy, dissatisfied people. He feared they have still more heart and indignation against the Government than some seem to tell us. He concluded—whether not better for the King now of himself to offer what is capable to content them. Less will do it now than hereafter, when stresses are greater with the King. This was the King his father's case. If you care to capitulate with the fanatics, &c., they will never agree to reason. N.B. In Ecclesiastics it is apprehended the King has all power, he is supreme, the Parliament has no part in it. In Civils it is otherwise.”

Dr. Butler suggested—

“Ordination of the ministers to be only according to the Established Church, none to be ministers or teachers but who have graduated in the Universities. (There are now many private studies *tanquam* Colleges.) The King's declaration to be the rule, or all to be as in Queen Elizabeth's time. It is dangerous to leave so considerable numbers dissatisfied. The King has in his prerogative power to settle Church matters as he will. To leave all as Queen Elizabeth did will make a good rule. All that shall not come into it, to be deprived of offices, incapacitated to elect or be elected, &c. Provide against private ordination, and let none be ministers but of the Universities.”²

¹ p. 561.

² p. 562.

On the 16th Williamson notes that—

“Notwithstanding what my Lord Mayor said, Vincent, who was personally with Lord Mayor and with the King, met on Sunday, and so did everybody else. Others not gone in say when called on to go in, that they do not at all desire it, but they foresee their people will force them in, if others continue to go in. N.B. Those gone in are young heads, teachers and people, and so apter to all sudden impressions.”

It was assumed by them that they had a connivance from the King and the Lord Mayor. They understood the King's saying, he hoped they would manage their meetings discreetly, meant that they should forbear public meetings, but said that having once gone in they could not justify themselves to their people, for giving up meetings, except they yielded to force. It was suggested that the King should ascertain from the Lord Mayor—

“the effect of his warning to the meetings; if they forbear. If the King finds from him they do not, then to repeat to him the King's earnestness and peremptory resolution to have it done. If he says they do forbear, then the King to let him understand that he fears abuse, and give my Lord Mayor a charge and enjoin him to see it done. If he finds difficulty in it, then to recur to the King for strength. Ennys to be called too, and the same said to him, so as he to intimate it to the meetings as the King said. Lord Mayor—to have it hinted to him that he represent to the meetings, that if by their obstinacy the King should be brought to use force, it might even be an occasion that the liberty of meeting in private be denied them.”¹

The 23rd Williamson notes as follows:—

“The Nursery in London. Pull down that and coffee-houses, and nothing can be more to the establishment of the government. The City government is too lax already. The citizens already, even those that are of the Church of England, prefer to have fanatic children, rather than those bred in their own way. If the two nurseries in Barbican and Bunhill be not taken away in a year, expect a disorder. The apprentices are already grown too heady. Advised to take them away now upon the pulling down meeting-houses. The King's answer to the Lord Mayor, that playhouses should be pulled down when meeting-houses were, had an ill interpretation, and has done disadvantage.”

Since the fire, the fanatics had increased because of the want of churches, and because the City preachers were not generally well thought of, as they did not preach judiciously and affectionately.²

¹ p. 568.

² p. 581.

The Nursery above mentioned is probably explained by an allusion in Pepys' *Diary*, 2 August, 1664: "Tom Killigrew is setting up a Nursery, that is, is going to build a house in Moorfields, wherein he will have common plays acted." The previous March a licence had been granted to William Legg to erect a nursery for breeding players under the oversight of Sir W. Davenant and T. Killigrew. (*Calendar S.P. Dom.*, 1663-4, p. 539.)

There is but little in the Calendar relating to the Church of England. The consecration of a new church at Stepney is recorded,¹ and the Bishop of Lincoln gives an account of the visitation of his diocese.² He found the gentry and people well satisfied at his sacrificing officers who exacted fees, as well as debauched ministers and half-conformists. Old and young of all qualities were very desirous of confirmation. The vast numbers confirmed everywhere supported Williamson's opinion that the people, if left to themselves, were strongly for the present Church government, and that the noise against it proceeded from not many mouths. The number of parishes in which there was not one Separatist was remarkable. He had taken steps to bring catechising on Sunday afternoons into the place of preaching, and the clergy everywhere cheerfully undertook it, and also to read the Litany Wednesdays and Fridays.

In March the Parliament presented an address to the King,³ praying him to take measures to restrain the growth of Popery, and a proclamation⁴ was accordingly issued, banishing all priests and Jesuits by the 1st of May following, and ordering the laws against Popish recusants to be put in execution. From Bedfordshire, in May, came a wild story, which, however, Lord Sandwich thought important enough to be sent to Lord Arlington, of Popish gentlemen in Norfolk keeping 30, 60, and 80 horses apiece in vaults underground in readiness for a rising.⁵

¹ p. 129.

² p. 426.

³ pp. 92, 130.

⁴ p. 140.

⁵ p. 239.

Numerous letters to Williamson occur from his correspondents at both the Universities, those from Oxford naturally predominating; his new buildings at Queen's, his own college, are mentioned several times; Dr. Fell, the Dean of Christ Church, in one letter¹ hoping that the undertaker or contractor he is employing will be diligent and honest, and one who will make his gain out of the labour of those he employs, and not from the work. But most of the Oxford letters relate to the University Press. The contract with the Stationers' Company was to expire at Lady Day, 1671-2, and Dr. Fell and Dr. Yates, the Principal of Brasenose, proposed to make an offer to the University to take it over on the same terms as the Stationers, and invited Williamson and Sir Leoline Jenkins to join with them. The offer was at first rejected by the University,² mainly in consequence of the opposition of Dr. Barlow, the Provost of Queen's, but was afterwards accepted,³ and Dr. Marshall was despatched into Holland to procure types, &c., on behalf of the new undertakers. One of the first proposals submitted to them was by Dr. Hyde, the University Librarian, for an additional volume of Walton's *Polyglot*, to contain the Armenian and a portion of the Coptic version.⁴

The most important of the Cambridge letters relate to the election, in May, of the new Chancellor in the room of the Earl of Manchester, deceased.⁵ The election ended in the unopposed return of the Duke of Buckingham; Lord Arlington's friends had thought of proposing him, but desisted on finding his chance was hopeless, his rival being first in the field. Dr. Cudworth, the Master of Christ's, the author of the *Treatise concerning Eternal and Immutable Morality*, and of the *Intellectual System*, wrote to Williamson to excuse himself, having with the majority of the University already pledged himself to support the Duke, before any mention was made of Lord

¹ p. 122.

² p. 532.

³ p. 575.

⁴ p. 581.

⁵ pp. 223, 224, 228,
229.

Arlington.¹ An account of the installation of the new Chancellor will be found on p. 306.

There is also an amusing account of the "Westminster trick," played by Maidwell, a Johnian undergraduate, formerly at Westminster School, on Perry, a busy informer against fanatic meetings. Perry had given the Master of St. John's a paper of complaints against Sir Thomas Sclater, for want of vigour in enforcing the laws against Conventicles, which he desired to be presented to the King. The Master kept the paper, but Maidwell counterfeited a letter from the King to Perry, desiring him to charge Sir Thomas to be more active, and to show this letter to the Mayor, and sealed it with a crown piece. Perry accordingly showed the letter to the Mayor, who thought it genuine, and then to the Master, who at once detected the cheat. Maidwell was committed by the Vice-Chancellor, and examined. As nothing further appears about him, it may be hoped that he was pardoned on the Master's intercession.²

The requests by Williamson for transcripts of MSS.³ at Oxford and Cambridge—especially of some in the Parker Collection at Corpus—was made, as appears from letters in the Foreign Series of State Papers, on behalf of Mabillon and other learned Benedictines, of whom he was a friend and correspondent.

There are numerous mandates to the Universities to confer degrees, and to particular Colleges to elect the royal nominees to fellowships and scholarships, an abuse of which the most famous instance is the Magdalen College case, in the reign of James II. Even Dr. Pearson, the Master of Trinity, only ventured to ask Williamson not to let a mandate in future be sent without previously acquainting him,⁴ and when Chapman, whom the College had refused to appoint as a conduct or chaplain, obtained a mandate for a fellowship, "to the utter destruction of the next year,

¹ p. 228.

² pp. 106, 107.

³ pp. 4, 106, 528, 566.

⁴ p. 77.

“ numerous and very hopeful,” all that he and the Seniors did was to postpone the election from Saturday till Monday.¹ Dr. Mapletoft alone, the Master of Pembroke, had the courage to disregard such mandates.² Nor were such letters addressed to the Universities only. Nothing was too great or too small to escape from being made the subject of a King’s letter. Instances may be found of such letters commanding the election of a favoured candidate to a scholarship at Winchester,³ a bedesman’s place at Ely,⁴ and even to a post requiring personal qualifications, such as the Registrarship of the Dean and Chapter of Durham.⁵ Even an apothecary at Coventry procured a royal letter to the corporation, forbidding his election to the office of Mayor, on the ground of his attendance on royalists wounded at Worcester.⁶ This, however, was revoked, on the corporation’s representing that it was wounded rebels who had had the benefit of his services.⁷

In March, the City of London presented a petition praying that a *nolle prosequi* should be entered on the verdict obtained against them on the *quo warranto* brought against them by the Attorney-General at the instance of the Swedish Resident, to try their right to certain tolls known as water-bailage, inasmuch as the evidence of free-men had been rejected, as being persons interested;⁸ and in June a new trial was ordered, in which such evidence should be received.⁹

In an action against Sir Samuel Sterling, the late Lord Mayor, Lord Chief Justice Vaughan decided that a poll could be demanded at the election to offices in the City, such as the Mastership of the Bridge House,¹⁰ but this decision was reversed on a motion for arrest of judgment.¹¹

The arrears of the Royal Aid and Additional Supply upon the parts of the City burnt in the great fire were

¹ p. 165.

² pp. 8, 138.

³ p. 598.

⁴ pp. 86, 376.

⁵ p. 453.

⁶ p. 444.

⁷ p. 474.

⁸ p. 125.

⁹ p. 320.

¹⁰ p. 303.

¹¹ p. 386.

remitted, the City, in exchange, giving up the benefit of the remission of hearth-money granted by the declaration of 13 September 1666, and undertaking to make good the arrears of the Royal Aid and Additional Supply on the unburnt parts of the City.¹

In September, the King signified his approval of the plan presented by the City of the proposed quay from London Bridge to the Temple, and granted to the City the land to be reclaimed, except the part between St. Paul's Wharf and Baynard's Castle, which was granted to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's.²

The jealousy of the City about soldiers entering their liberties is noticed.³

In April, a proclamation was issued forbidding the erection of any more new buildings in the suburbs of London and Westminster, and the completion, without a licence, of any commenced, inasmuch as on the Windmill Fields and those adjoining So-hoe, and in other places about the suburbs, many small and mean habitations had been lately erected, which were likely to prove common nuisances, by being used for noisome trades, and by becoming receptacles for a multitude of poor, to the damage of those parishes, and the making the government thereof more unmanageable, and also by choking up the air of the King's palaces and parks, and endangering the water-supply to Whitehall.⁴

In January, a licence, however, was granted to the Earl of Leicester to build on Leicester Fields and the Bowling Green, with a pardon for what had already been built.⁵

The obligation on every householder to clean in front of his house, which was in force till three or four years ago, may have originated in the order that the Justices in London and Westminster should see that every inhabitant should constantly every morning clean their doors, the dirt to be immediately conveyed away by the scavenger.⁶

¹ p. 381.

² p. 502.

³ p. 356.

⁴ p. 172.

⁵ p. 63.

⁶ p. 51.

Sir John Robinson, in a letter of 18 July,¹ mentions the sequel of the case of the jurymen fined for the acquittal of Penn and Mead, known as Bushell's case. When committed for non-payment of the fine, they sued a writ of *habeas corpus* from the Court of Common Pleas, and were discharged by Sir John Vaughan, the Lord Chief Justice. They were then released on bail, and the case was several times re-argued before all the judges, who finally, by a majority of eight to four, decided that they should be remanded to Newgate, as the cause, being a criminal one, was not cognizable in the Common Pleas, but in the King's Bench, which Sir John Robinson observes was a business of great consequence to the Government.

This reversal of the judgment of the Common Pleas is not noticed in Vaughan's Reports or the State Trials, and has apparently been hitherto unknown. It will, however, be observed that the ground of the decision was solely the want of jurisdiction in the Common Pleas, and that the reversal did not in any way affect the question of the liability of jurors to be fined on account of their verdict.

A report of Sir Leoline Jenkins, the Judge of the Court of Admiralty, advises that two prisoners, taken in a boat near Gravesend for exporting wool, should be tried by commission of oyer and terminer in the Admiralty, they having been apprehended below the lowest bridge on the river, and not in the body of any county.²

Papers relating to the Navy are found on almost every page, but most of them relate only to routine business. The Commissioners of the Navy were much hampered by want of money. From their statement to the Duke of York, dated 24 May,³ it appears that there was a debt of 138,773*l.* from the previous year for repairs and completing works unfinished, towards which the Treasurers of the Navy had no ready money. Though assignations amounting to 142,438*l.* had been made to meet that charge, they were not available for raising ready money.

¹ p. 385.

² p. 555.

³ p. 267.

The inevitable charge of the current year for the ordinary of the Navy, the victualling, &c., of the fleet, and for finishing certain vessels amounted to 513,354*l.*, and, in addition, the expense of building certain ships and of works at Chatham and other dockyards, which were needful, and most of which had been resolved on, came to 147,080*l.*, towards which the Treasurers had, up to that date, received in money and assignments only 110,000*l.*

The natural consequences of the want of funds were incessant complaints from the dockyards that works and repairs could not be proceeded with, as materials were wanting, and there was no money to buy them. The workmen were left without pay, and became mutinous and unmanageable. On March 11, Jonas Shish writes from Deptford,¹ that the shipwrights and caulkers were enraged at the non-payment of their wages. The previous night the whole street by the yard was in an uproar, "and meeting with Mr. Bagwell, my foreman, " they fell on him, and it was only by God's great mercy " they had not spoiled him. I was then without the " gate . . . and, hearing the tumult, I did think " how Israel stoned Hadoram that was over the tri- " bute, and how King Rehoboam made speed and gat " him up to Jerusalem, so I got speedily into the " yard, for I judge if the rude multitude had met " with me, I should have had worse measure than " my foreman," and on the same date Bagwell himself gives an account of the assault on him.² At Chatham, in November, the workmen struck and threatened to go to London, but were persuaded by the Master Shipwright to continue at work till an answer could be received from the Navy Commissioners.³ The visit of the King to Portsmouth was the means of procuring payment of part of the workmen's pay, to prevent their clamour on his arrival.⁴ At Chatham these difficulties were aggravated

¹ p. 127.² p. 128.³ p. 578.⁴ pp. 348, 355, 364.

by the perpetual quarrels between Cox, the resident Commissioner there, and Pett, the Master Shipwright, who quarrelled about everything. The proper method of docking ships and the right of entering and discharging shipwrights were two unfailing bones of contention. The Commissioner charged Pett with idleness and neglect of his work;¹ Pett complained that he was deprived of the necessary authority over his workmen, and declared that, as long as his command was eclipsed, he would resign his duty to the Commissioner, being unwilling to be made a nose of wax any longer.²

The scarcity of money was felt by the victuallers also. The charge for victualling for the year 1671 was 76,736*l.*, the total of which was due in August, but up to the 11th of that month, orders had been received only to the amount of 66,068*l.*, and money borrowed and received on them only to the amount of 36,000*l.*, leaving 40,736*l.* unpaid.³

In addition, Sir D. Gauden complained that assignments for victualling before 31 December 1668, amounting to over 91,000*l.*, were still unpaid, and that over 45,000*l.* was due to him for disbursements not yet allowed.⁴

A new victualling contract was made, to begin from 1 January 1671-2, in which Sir T. Littleton, Sir D. Ashburnham, and Josiah Child were joined with the two Gaudens.⁵

By an Order in Council of 11 July, the method in which payments were to be made in the Navy Treasurer's Office was regulated, and it was appointed that there should in future be only one Treasurer,⁶ and on 22 Sept., Sir Thomas Osborne, who had been joint-treasurer with Sir T. Littleton, was appointed to execute the office alone, and granted the reversion thereof after the Earl of Anglesey, who had been suspended.⁷

¹ p. 150.

² p. 383.

³ p. 425.

⁴ p. 440.

⁵ p. 506.

⁶ p. 379.

⁷ p. 498.

The Mediterranean fleet, in May, won a great victory over the Algerines. Sir Edward Spragg found seven of their men-of-war with three prizes at Bugea, protected by castles and a boom across the entrance of the harbour. For some days the wind was unfavourable, but on the 8th he stood in, and, after battering the forts and ships for an hour, sent in three boats, which cut the boom. A fireship was then sent in, and the wind freshening, set all the Algerine men-of-war and prizes on fire, which continued till they were all completely burnt.¹ Of the boats, that from the *Mary* was sunk, and every man in the Admiral's boat was killed or wounded, except Mr. Harman, who had cut the boom within half pistol shot of the biggest castle.² An Algerine twenty-gun ship was likewise forced ashore near Tadellis, and burnt by her men, to prevent her from falling into the hands of the English.³ The Algerines were said to be much disheartened by this defeat, and to be so weary of the war, that a conspiracy (which was, however, discovered) was formed to kill the Dey and his ministers.⁴

The base of the operations of the Mediterranean fleet was Port Mahon. Several letters from Richard Gibson describe the works and buildings in progress there, for the storage of provisions and various naval stores. These buildings were carried on at first with the allowance and even the approval of the Governor, who, however, on his approaching recall, fearing that his action might be misrepresented at Madrid, desired that part of the wall should be pulled down.⁵ On Gibson's refusal to comply, the Governor withdrew his demand, but, the next time that provisions were to be landed, he prevented it by force.⁶

Two galleys were built this year at Genoa and Leghorn, for service at Tangier against the Barbary corsairs.⁷ On p. 351 is calendared a Paper containing a list of the

¹ p. 234.

² p. 249.

³ p. 234.

⁴ p. 455.

⁵ pp. 398, 399.

⁶ p. 435.

⁷ pp. 325, 351, 520.

officers and men required to work a galley, with the pay and expenses allowed by the French King, and also a scheme for establishing a bagnio at Tangier for the slaves.

Notwithstanding the defeat at Bugea, several notices occur of ships taken or attacked by Algerines. An account of the gallant defence made by the *Swallow* against an Algerine of much superior force will be found on p. 536.

Several notices occur of Christian captives in Algiers. One, a Dutchman, swam off and escaped to the English after the fight at Bugea,¹ and three Englishmen escaped from Algiers itself on a sort of raft of two bullock-hides, bound between four spars like a picture frame. They were fortunately picked up by an English man-of-war that was cruising in the Bay.² On the outbreak of war, the English Consul at Algiers was thrown into chains, and was reported to have been put to death,³ but this report proved to be unfounded.⁴ Notices occur of briefs for raising money for the redemption of captives.⁵ In the diocese of Lincoln, a rumour was circulated that the brief was a cheat, and that the money was to be otherwise employed. The Bishop asked the Archbishop of Canterbury to bring the matter before the Council, that the spreaders of such rumours might be made examples of.⁶

Among the miscellaneous letters of interest, the first place is due to four from John Evelyn, hitherto, I believe, unpublished. The first⁷ relates to his projected History of the Late War with Holland, which was never completed. Annexed is a synopsis⁸ showing "the chief heads or titles" which I propose to myself, in the contexture of the history of the late war with Holland, humbly submitted to "his Majesty's animadversions," containing heads of political transactions between England and Holland from 1585 to 1671. The second⁹ gives his reflections on Sir Thomas

¹ pp. 235, 249.

² p. 435.

³ p. 435.

⁴ pp. 455, 475.

⁵ p. 568.

⁶ pp. 59, 60.

⁷ p. 54.

⁸ p. 56.

⁹ p. 198.

Clifford's recent loss of his eldest son in Italy, which had recalled the loss of his own son thirteen years before. He also mentions that he had finished nearly a hundred sheets of paper of his History, and speaks of the continued importunity of Father Patrick, the Queen's Confessor. In his own opinion the Articles of the Church of England are articles of peace, she does not disallow modest liberty to her sons, where the sense is tolerable. The third,¹ to the Navy Commissioners, remonstrates against the projected mast dock at Deptford near his dwelling, on the ground of the injury which will be caused by the noxious vapours from it. The fourth² requests Williamson's assistance in procuring the degree of M.A. for Mr. Alderson, the reader at Deptford.

Dr. South, the famous preacher, makes some remarks about Dr. Fell, of whom he apparently had much the same opinion as the author of the well-known epigram.³ Huysman, the artist, requests Williamson to accept the portrait he has painted of him.⁴ Sir Samuel Morland writes about the grant he had received out of the Excise in London and Westminster.⁵ Robert Boyle, the natural philosopher, petitions for the remission of the quit rents on certain impropriations in Ireland.⁶ An offer of Isaac Vossius to assist the University in an edition of the *Septuagint* or *Josephus* is mentioned in a letter of Dr. Fell's.⁷ Besides the letter of Huygens already mentioned (p. iv.), there is another, probably to Lady Arlington, accompanying a present of a telescope, as like that which the King had accepted, as if she should have twins (as the writer wishes) they would be to each other.⁸ There is a letter from Lancelot Addison, the father of the essayist, and two books by him are alluded to.⁹ Sir William Temple writes about the plate he had received on his embassy to Holland,¹⁰ which was afterwards granted to him.¹¹ An

¹ p. 261.² p. 283.³ p. 1.⁴ p. 2.⁵ p. 48.⁶ p. 278.⁷ p. 281.⁸ p. 370.⁹ pp. 363, 454, 590.¹⁰ p. 469.¹¹ p. 480.

answer is submitted to the Royal Society refuting the propositions of Thomas Hobbes with regard to infinites, squaring the circle, and the root of a square.¹ There are several letters to Samuel Pepys, and one from him, but they all relate only to business of the Navy. In them his name is spelt in no less than seven different ways, one of which, Pyps,² does not occur among the seventeen variations given by Mr. Wheatley in the preface to his edition of the *Diary*. In one also he is called Sir Samuel, and in two John, and William. Thomas Burnett, afterwards the author of the *Theory of the Earth*, was granted a renewed licence to travel for the benefit of his health.³

Among the miscellaneous items of news may be mentioned the following. A woman apprehended near Looe, in Cornwall, as a witch, was said to have confessed that she had hindered the Duke of York from prosecuting his victory over the Dutch, that she was the cause of the Queen's barrenness, and that she had caused the bull to kill Col. Robinson, because he persecuted Nonconformists, being herself a Presbyterian or "Baptize." She was discovered "by cattles dancing in the air, and inviting one of her neighbours to the same craft." Some, however, said she was mazed and confessed anything.⁴ One is glad to learn that the latter view prevailed at the assizes, and that the poor wretch was discharged.⁵ A remarkable accident happened in the same county. Two men went out to shoot a fox that harboured near where they dwelt. Creeping through the bushes each mistook the other for the fox, and one fired, hit his neighbour in the head, and almost killed him.⁶ In Devonshire people attributed the continued rain to an attempt to drain Langor's Pool, previous ineffectual attempts having always been attended with similar weather.⁷ A person of quality gives a relation of a grandfather, father, and son, of Hay, in Herefordshire, aged

¹ p. 508.

² p. 144.

³ p. 550.

⁴ p. 105.

⁵ p. 171.

⁶ p. 315.

⁷ p. 321.

respectively 117, 90, and 60 years, and says the two former lately walked from Hay to Hereford and back, seven miles each way.¹ A report spread through Leicestershire that the King would seize all unbranded cattle, and the price of pitch in some places consequently rose to 6*d.* a *lb.* This report was said to be spread, if not originated, by malcontents to make the Government unpopular.² At Coventry it was reported that children were being spirited away to be killed, in order that the French King might be cured of a leprosy with their blood, which so frightened many people that they would not allow their children to go to school.³

The following notices belong to a different class. A ship was said to have come from Virginia to England in twenty-one days from sight of one land to that of the other.⁴ The return of the *Sweepstakes* from a voyage of discovery of twenty months to the South Sea is mentioned.⁵ Certain petitioners state that they had sent a vessel to fish for whales in the West Ice in latitude $78\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, where never any English fished before, but where the Dutch usually employed 200 ships.

Several duels are mentioned, among them, one, on 5 February, between Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Churchill,⁶ afterwards the great Duke of Marlborough, in which the latter received several wounds, but none of them were dangerous.

There are many notices of disputes about salutes and about striking the flag, between the English and other nations, and also between other nations. Of these the most important is the case of the *Merlin* yacht, which, when bringing over Lady Temple from Holland, was ordered to force the Dutch fleet to strike to the King's flag. Her commander, Capt. Crow, was sent to the Tower,⁷ for failing to do his duty against the Dutch, but was soon afterwards released.⁸ The non-compliance of

¹ p. 377.

² pp. 426, 438.

³ p. 452.

⁴ p. 2.

⁵ p. 327.

⁶ p. 71.

⁷ p. 433.

⁸ p. 483.

the Dutch was one of the reasons alleged for the declaration of war against them the following year.

The Irish Papers are numerous and interesting. In January Col. Talbot, afterwards the notorious Duke of Tyrconnell, as agent of the Irish Roman Catholics, presented a petition to the King, praying for the appointment of a Commission to examine their grievances, and a stop on further grants of lands still undisposed of in Ireland,¹ which petition, on the 18th, was referred to a Committee.² This attempt to upset the Acts of Settlement and Explanation naturally caused great alarm to the persons whose titles were founded on those Acts; and on the 10th of the following month a petition was presented to the Lord Lieutenant and Council, on behalf of the adventurers, soldiers, and others who had received settlement in lands under the said Acts. It urged that such attempts would discourage improvements, trade, and manufactures, would hinder the payment of the year's value, and would indispose the tenants to pay their rents, and would prevent Englishmen and others from settling in Ireland. A duel between Sir W. Ingoldsby, one of the petitioners to the Lord Lieutenant, and Mr. Cusack, Col. Talbot's nephew,³ showed the heat and animosity between the old and the new landholders.

The Committee, on June 22, reported that they were unable to give a full report, as many necessary papers and other evidence were not before them,⁴ and a new Commission with fuller powers was appointed on August 1st,⁵ which, on 22 September, ordered a stop of all grants of land in Ireland till their report should be made.⁶ Full accounts of all these transactions are to be found in Carte's *Life of Ormonde*, vol. 2.

The condition of the Treasury was deplorable. The revenue for the half-year, ending Michaelmas 1670, amounted to 77,250*l.*, while the charges for the civil and

¹ p. 595.

² p. 30.

³ p. 86.

⁴ p. 388.

⁵ p. 410.

⁶ p. 498.

military establishments were 150,202*l.* 17*s.* 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*, leaving a deficit of 72,952*l.* 17*s.* 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*, and at the same date there was a debt of 245,510*l.* 5*s.* 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*¹ To remedy this state of things, an agreement was made with Lord Ranelagh and his partners by which they undertook the management of the whole Irish revenue for a term of years ;² in June a stop was put on all payments from the Irish Exchequer,³ and in September on all warrants for payments except those in the civil and military establishments, or those undertaken by Lord Ranelagh and his partners.⁴ Under these circumstances complaints of the high rate of exchange were naturally frequent,⁵ and the evil was aggravated by the Acts prohibiting the importation of Irish cattle into England,⁶ and preventing a direct trade between Ireland and America, Africa and Asia.⁷

The Lord Lieutenant, Lord Berkeley of Stratton, came over to England on leave early in June, leaving the government to the Lords Justices,—Michael Boyle, Archbishop of Dublin and Lord Chancellor, and Sir Arthur Forbes,—returning again in September. He was well received at Court, and entertained the King and Queen at his house at Twickenham.⁸ On his journey to London, he received a challenge from Lord Windsor⁹ (the reason for which does not appear), which resulted in Lord Windsor's being committed to the Tower for a few days. The notorious Lady Clanbrassil exercised a great influence over him, and there were rumours of a design to catch the King by her.¹⁰

At Limerick and Cork, during the absence of the Earl of Orrery, the Lord President, the priests had set up not only Mass-houses but convents, but he presumed to rout them on his return, and declared that he would not suffer either Masses or other unlawful assemblies in any of the Munster garrisons.¹¹

¹ p. 54.² p. 360.³ p. 313.⁴ p. 501.⁵ pp. 328, 383.⁶ p. 574.⁷ p. 585.⁸ p. 400.⁹ pp. 346, 416.¹⁰ p. 238.¹¹ p. 411.

Allusion is made to the action taken by the disaffected Popish clergy against the signers of the Remonstrance, and there was an alarm of an intended rising of the northern Papists on Midsummer night, which, however, proved to be unfounded.¹ On the alarm, Oliver Plunkett, the Roman Catholic primate, surrendered himself at Hillsborough, where he was kindly entertained and allowed to depart the next morning, the Lord Chancellor having desired his son-in-law, the commander there, to show him all the kindness he could, the writer, however, observing, "You may see how we are courting the Irish to cut our throats, that have cut so many thousand before, and are as ready now to do it as ever;" adding "it is observable among soldiers that after many false alarms comes a true one at last, and many times when least thought of."

Several notices occur of men raised in Ireland for the service of Louis XIV. Charles II., though authorising such levies, desired that they should be kept as secret as possible.² The articles between the French King and Sir G. Hamilton, brother-in-law of the well-known Comte de Grammont, show the terms on which a regiment was raised.³

One Peter Bronsdon was sent over by the Navy Commissioners, to see what timber was to be procured from Ireland. He inspected the woods at Kenmare and Dingle, and also those at Shillelagh in Wicklow. His reports were generally unfavourable, as he found much timber had been destroyed or spoilt by makers of brogues and barrel staves.⁴ Sir W. Petty's woods at Kenmare were the best, but he did not succeed in coming to a bargain. Difficulties of carriage also arose, from the badness of the ways. However, he secured a shipload from Sir F. Hollis's woods.⁵

Complaints were made from Kinsale of the injury done to the fisheries by the encroachments of French fishing

¹ pp. 339, 340.

² p. 312.

³ p. 312.

⁴ p. 184.

⁵ pp. 184, 442.

boats, which could not be prevented as no King's ship was stationed on that coast.¹ A request for an extension of the close time was, however, sanctioned.²

At Dublin, at the close of 1670, a bad accident occurred at the theatre. By the fall of the upper galleries, six people were killed and many others injured, among whom were the Lord Lieutenant and his wife and children.³ Early on 20 May there was a great fire at the storehouse in the Castle, and the whole Castle narrowly escaped destruction. Anthony Hamilton, the author of the memoirs of Grammont, and Lord John Butler, the Duke of Ormonde's youngest son, distinguished themselves by carrying a powder-barrel out of the burning building.⁴ On July 12 there was a riot, about 300 apprentices having attempted to break down the new bridge which was being built against the wish of the city, followed five days later by a more serious disturbance.⁵ When the prisoners were being conveyed to Bridewell, a number of other apprentices attacked the escort on the Merchants' Quay, and the prisoners escaped in the confusion. The soldiers then fired, killing three men and wounding several others.⁶ In July, the two Dublin Cathedrals, Christ Church and St. Patrick's, received grants and confirmations of their lands, and of all their liberties and franchises.⁷ In May, payment was ordered to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church of the arrears of rent due to them for the rooms where the Courts were held,⁸ and the same month some useless metal was given to make a ring of bells for the same Cathedral.⁹

Trinity College was empowered to erect its lands in Kerry into manors,¹⁰ and on 24 October letters were ordered for the erection of the Free School at Oxmantown Green, since known as the Blue Coat School, on the model of Christ's Hospital, St. Thomas' Hospital, and Bridewell in London.¹¹

¹ p. 196.

² p. 239.

³ p. 65.

⁴ p. 256.

⁵ p. 383.

⁶ p. 388.

⁷ p. 360.

⁸ p. 245.

⁹ p. 266.

¹⁰ p. 488.

¹¹ p. 535.

There are numerous petitions, letters, and orders for grants of lands, remissions or reductions of quit rents, and the like. The King's letter of 23 January is a good specimen, and is interesting as relating to the well-known Wexford family of Colclough, and as showing the vicissitudes of the fortunes of a person transplanted into Connaught.¹ Several letters relate to the protracted litigation caused by the abduction, in 1668, by James Shirley, of Mary, daughter of the late Sir James Ware, the antiquary, who afterwards married Alexander Frazer. In July, Shirley was convicted of rape, but the conviction was quashed on account of a flaw in the indictment, *reput* having been written for *rapuit*.² Frazer and Shirley, in March, having met casually, had taken the law into their own hands. An account of the *fracas* between them, interesting from the notices of various localities in old Dublin, will be found on pages 147, 148.

There are a great many letters to Viscount Conway, mostly from his brother-in-law, Sir G. Rawdon, the ancestor of the Earls of Moira and Marquises of Hastings. The contents generally relate to family affairs, to the management of Lord Conway's great estates near Lisburn, for which Sir George seems to have acted as agent, and to the new buildings at Portmore. As has occurred elsewhere in Ireland, the new stables were too grand for the existing house, and people thought his lordship would have to enlarge it, to match the stables.³ Some of the letters show, that difficulties with tenants existed even in those days. One who had got into arrears of 13*l.* 5*s.* had the farm taken from him, and let to new tenants at an increased rent of 50*s.* a year. Sir George observes, however, that "your rents were never got in as they are now, for I have warned all the tenants that, if they clear not all within the half-year, I will re-enter, and not have any such long reckonings any more that have made these

¹ p. 41.

² pp. 355, 388.

³ p. 375.

“ troubles and differences.”¹ Sub-letting too existed, Sir George in another letter remarking, “ I have ordered to
 “ distrain for your rents, having no better way to meet
 “ with a great many tenants, but more Scotch under-
 “ tenants that they have let to without licence, those that
 “ have invited Scotch Presbyterian pretended ministers
 “ to preach at Killulta.”² Much of the correspondence relates to the appointment of Lord Conway to the governorship of Charlemont.

The Scotch Papers consist mostly of copies of warrants, Royal letters, and the like, contained in the Scotch Warrant Book. Most of them are of purely local interest, being warrants for charters of new infeftment of lands surrendered for the purpose. Among those in whose favour such warrants were granted occurs the name of Robert Grierson of Lag, said to have been the original of Sir Robert Redgauntlet in Wandering Willie’s tale in *Redgauntlet*.³ He was therefore probably born before 1655, the date given as that of his birth in the *Dictionary of National Biography*. A few, however, are more important.

In January a new Court of Criminal Judicature was established, to consist of the Lord Justice-General and Lord Justice Clerk, and five Lords of Session.⁴

The Bass Rock was purchased from Sir Andrew Ramsay, the Lord Provost of Edinburgh,⁵ and a small garrison placed in it, of which the Earl of Lauderdale was appointed commander.⁶ In a Paper calendared in the next volume, this transaction is spoken of as a job, the place being a worthless rock, good only for solan geese. A notice occurs of the hawks due to the King yearly from Orkney and Shetland.⁷ The poverty of the country appears from a tender to farm the Customs and Excise for 21,000*l.* sterling, the duty on foreign salt, however, being excluded.⁸ The burghs of Dumfries and Tain were granted new charters.⁹ Repairs and additions to Holyrood House

¹ p. 95.² p. 575.³ p. 277.⁴ p. 17.⁵ p. 36.⁶ p. 471.⁷ p. 49.⁸ p. 98.⁹ pp. 276, 270.

were ordered, for which some adjoining land was to be purchased from the Bishop and Dean of Edinburgh. The design of the new buildings was submitted to the King, who proposed several alterations.¹ He also directed that the walls of the park at Stirling should be repaired, and that it should be stocked with deer, as he remembered having seen deer in it, and was informed, that in the times of his father and grandfather it was stocked with deer and wild cows.² Orders were also given for repairing Stirling Castle.³

A grant to certain unnamed persons was ordered of the territory south of the Carolinas as far west as the South Sea, and of the island of Dominica, for the establishment of a colony, but it does not appear whether the grant was ever made.⁴ Several grants occur of lands and property forfeited by persons who had taken part in the rebellion of 1666.⁵

Edward Fountaine and his brother James were appointed Masters of the Revels in Scotland, and empowered to erect a theatre and form a company of players, with authority to issue licences for all public trials of skill in the science of defence, all puppet-shows, exhibitions of monsters, rope-dancers, and bear and bull-baiting; with a proviso, which, considering the condition of the stage in the reign of Charles II., was by no means unnecessary, that no play be acted, nor show exhibited or licensed, which contained swearing or profanity, or any passage offensive to piety or good manners.⁶

In Scotland, as well as in Ireland, troops were raised for the French service. Several notices occur of Lord George Douglas's regiment, among them one of a soldier of that regiment executed by martial law at Dunkirk,⁷ while a warrant empowers the Privy Council to authorise levies to be made in Scotland to recruit that regiment.⁸

Warrants of 27 October authorise the translation of the saintly Leighton to the Archbishopric of Glasgow,⁹

¹ p. 296.

² p. 387.

³ p. 233.

⁴ p. 398.

⁵ pp. 121, 167.

⁶ p. 494.

⁷ p. 247.

⁸ p. 278.

⁹ p. 543.

a man singularly unlike his brother, Sir Ellis, the Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant. Letters describe how the latter, not content with ten guineas for passing the commissions of certain officers, insisted on twenty, and eventually got them, the writer remarking that he is worse than any Jew, and it's a pity he should be suffered to compound so palpably for his bribes;¹ while another describes how, after a dinner, he was sent back to the Castle as drunk as ever was man, and observes that the next day the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Chancellor were very pleasant on him.²

There are scarcely any private letters from Scotland. Two mention a mutiny apprehended among the soldiers at Glasgow for want of pay,³ which, however, came to nothing on their receiving it.⁴

A few Papers relate to the Channel Islands, but the only one that appears of interest is the Order of the States of Jersey of 27 July, appointing a committee to consider whether certain ordinances of the King and Privy Council, concerning the administration of justice in the island, were repugnant to their customs and privileges.⁵ An election of a jurat in Guernsey, disputed between two candidates who had received an equal number of votes, was decided by the Privy Council in favour of one of them.⁶

Early in January Sir Thomas Lynch, who had distinguished himself in Candia against the Turks,⁷ received his commission as Lieut.-Governor of Jamaica, with instructions to seize and send to England his predecessor, Sir T. Modyford. His departure was delayed by illness and contrary winds, and he did not finally sail from Deal till April 6th.⁸ He reached Barbados towards the end of May, and Jamaica in July.⁹ He secured Sir T. Modyford by a stratagem, and sent him to England, where he

¹ pp. 266, 286.

² p. 512.

³ p. 563.

⁴ p. 572.

⁵ p. 401.

⁶ p. 484.

⁷ p. 74.

⁸ p. 175.

⁹ pp. 416, 460.

arrived the middle of November,¹ and was at once committed to the Tower,² to which his son Charles had been sent six months before.³

Notwithstanding that there was peace between England and Spain, there was war between them beyond the Line, or rather beyond the Tropic of Cancer. A letter of March 15th describes a descent of the Spaniards on Jamaica, and how they had confined the crew of a ship they had taken in the hold, and burnt ship and men.⁴ The privateers of Jamaica retaliated by a great expedition under the famous Morgan, which sailed in December. They took the Castle of Chagres, and crossed the isthmus to Panama, which they took, plundered, and destroyed.⁵ The Spaniards, however, saved the greater part of their treasure, having sent it on board some galleons which put to sea where the English could not reach them.

On p. 368 will be found an account of the capture by a Spanish ship of an English ship, which was brought as prize into Carthagena, where many Englishmen had been confined for years, treated as slaves, and barbarously used.

Major Banister was employed to withdraw the English left at Surinam,⁶ and sent the King a present of various arms and other curiosities obtained from the natives.⁷

At the same time that Sir Thomas Lynch was appointed Lieut.-Governor of Jamaica, Sir C. Wheeler was appointed Governor of the Leeward Islands. He and Sir Thomas Lynch touched at Dominica,⁸ which, with St. Lucia and St. Vincent, were still inhabited by the aboriginal Caribs, and were known as the Indian Islands. Their king, whose father was an Englishman, went on board Sir T. Lynch's ship with a present of pine-apples. Another letter speaks of the friendly disposition of the natives towards the English.⁹

¹ p. 567.

² p. 572.

³ p. 244.

⁴ p. 133.

⁵ p. 353.

⁶ p. 280.

⁷ p. 372.

⁸ p. 506.

⁹ p. 427.

In the early part of the year, a contagious malady raged at Barbados. The symptoms were pains in the back and head.¹ It attacked the negroes as well as the English, but was more prevalent among the men than the women. On October 10th the island was visited by a hurricane, which did considerable damage.²

There is but little relating to the Colonies on the American continent. A notice occurs of the discoveries made by an exploring party sent by the Governor of Virginia;³ and a woman in Maryland dressed herself as a man, and took to the road, but was wounded by a traveller whom she attempted to rob.⁴

Notices of foreign affairs occur for the most part in the numerous news-letters. Rumours of a coming war between France and Holland are frequent. Towards the end of April the King of France proceeded to Dunkirk, where an army of 30,000 men had been assembled, and were employed in strengthening the citadel there.⁵ A portable bridge which they carried with them is noticed in one letter.⁶ A great number of persons of quality took the opportunity to visit London, where they were entertained by the Duke of Buckingham and others.⁷ Lord Bellasis and Mr. Vaughan were sent over by the King and the Duke of York to compliment Louis.⁸ He presented them each with gifts of the value of 1,000*l.* and 500*l.*,⁹ and despatched the Marquis de Vergest¹⁰ and the Comte de Grammont¹¹ to pay his compliments in return. Colbert, the French Ambassador, went over to visit his master, as did also the Duke of Monmouth and others of the English nobility.¹² Louis, from Dunkirk, proceeded to Lille, Aeth, and Tournai,¹³ the bulk of his army being ordered to rendezvous between the last two towns. The Spaniards apprehended an attempt on Mons or Brussels,¹⁴

¹ p. 183.² p. 586.³ p. 218.⁴ p. 263.

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⁶ p. 139.⁷ pp. 225, 237.⁸ p. 206.⁹ p. 247.¹⁰ p. 219.¹¹ p. 236.¹² p. 206.¹³ pp. 246, 296.¹⁴ pp. 337, 362.

but Louis returned from Flanders in July, leaving 16,000 of his army to work at the fortifications of St. Quentin.¹

A detachment of the French army in Lorraine, under Maréchal de Crequi, ravaged the country about Homburg and Bitsch,² and was supposed to have designs on Strasburg in conjunction with Count Furstemburg, the Bishop of that city.³ Throughout the year the French were steadily preparing for war. Not only in France itself,⁴ but in Switzerland and Italy,⁵ and even in Dalmatia⁶ they were endeavouring to raise new levies.

Nor were they less active in pursuing Colbert's policy of forming a strong navy. Twelve men-of-war were building at Brest, one of which was to carry 130 guns.⁷ To meet these great expenses, advances were obtained from the Farmers of the revenue and of the Customs,⁸ and payments to officers of justice and governors of provinces were stopped, as well as all outlay on buildings.⁹ A new plan of taxation was also projected.¹⁰

A war was at one time expected between France and Turkey, on account of the treatment received by the French Ambassador,¹¹ but the matter was ultimately settled amicably.¹² An expedition was despatched against Tunis from Toulon,¹³ which seized an island near that place,¹⁴ but being stoutly received by the Dey,¹⁵ returned without effecting anything.¹⁶ The French also designed to block up the Port of Sallee by sinking ships laden with stones,¹⁷ and bombarded the place for four hours.¹⁸ The differences between the Elector of Cologne and that city were fomented by the intrigues of the French,¹⁹ who supported the Elector, and a siege of the city being expected,

¹ p. 387.

² p. 395.

³ pp. 323, 362.

⁴ pp. 415, 425.

⁵ pp. 347, 387, 407.

⁶ p. 459.

⁷ p. 10.

⁸ pp. 338, 415.

⁹ p. 405.

¹⁰ p. 425.

¹¹ pp. 332, 346, 367.

¹² p. 421.

¹³ pp. 317, 332.

¹⁴ p. 347.

¹⁵ pp. 346, 431.

¹⁶ p. 421.

¹⁷ pp. 299, 431.

¹⁸ p. 537.

¹⁹ p. 290.

reinforcements were sent thither by the States-General, and also by the Emperor.¹

In Germany the Princes of Brunswick Lünenburg, assisted by the King of Denmark and the Elector of Brandenburg, attacked and besieged the city of Brunswick.² The Prince of Orange went as a spectator of the operations,³ which ended in the city surrendering, on the terms of doing homage to the princes, delivering up their ammunition and artillery, receiving a garrison, and paying down 300,000 crowns.⁴ This event alarmed the Imperial cities and the Hanse towns, who feared it would be a precedent for encroachments on their liberties by other Princes of the Empire.⁵ Hamburg in particular feared an attack from the King of Denmark, and prepared for defence.⁶ The execution of certain rebels in Hungary is mentioned, and the passing of an Act of Oblivion for the benefit of those who had surrendered themselves.⁷ The French Ambassador at Vienna was accused of having had dealings with the conspirators.⁸

Rumours came of an intended attack on Poland by the Turks,⁹ assisted by Dorosenko, the general of the Cossacks,¹⁰ and there was a formidable insurrection in Russia, headed by Stephen Radzin.¹¹ In Italy the Pope was said to be in failing health.¹² From Spain came news of the destruction of the Escorial in May by a fire, most of the pictures, however, being saved.¹³ At Madrid the pages of the French Ambassador quarrelled with those of the Duke of Albuquerque about precedence at a procession. The French at last attacked the others with sword and pistol. The people, enraged at the disrespect to the Sacrament, and at their boldness in attacking Spaniards in the streets of Madrid, fell upon them with such fury that they were

¹ pp. 390, 393.

² p. 326.

³ p. 326.

⁴ p. 354.

⁵ p. 333.

⁶ pp. 338, 346, 387,
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⁷ pp. 237, 279, 346,
372.

⁸ pp. 367, 424.

⁹ pp. 306, 337.

¹⁰ p. 409.

¹¹ pp. 81, 279, 413.

¹² p. 395.

¹³ p. 333.

glad to take refuge in the Ambassador's house, leaving two or three of their number dead.¹

At the beginning of the year, the Emperor had proposed his entrance into the Triple Alliance, to the great dissatisfaction of the King of France.² Though Charles II. was said to have expressed his willingness to consent to it,³ he must, having already decided to attack Holland, have really been the obstacle that prevented it, as in May, Sweden and the States-General are found endeavouring to procure the admission of the Emperor.⁴ The French Ambassador at Vienna demanded, in October, what the Emperor would do if France attacked a member of the Triple Alliance, but could get no answer except that the Emperor would then take his own measures, and would give no further satisfaction till Louis had performed his promises about the restitution of Lorraine.⁵ Sweden, on the other hand, promised the Dutch, that, if the latter were attacked, they would fulfil their obligations under the Triple Alliance, reminding them at the same time of the subsidies due to Sweden from Spain, for which the Dutch stood engaged.⁶ Bills of exchange were accordingly remitted to Brussels for payment of the subsidies.⁷

I cannot conclude without acknowledging the valuable assistance I have received in the compilation of this volume from Mrs. Everett Green, the Editor of the preceding volumes of the Calendar.

¹ p. 224.

² p. 18.

³ p. 39.

⁴ p. 247.

⁵ p. 545.

⁶ p. 220.

⁷ pp. 224, 354.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS (DOMESTIC).

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Jan. 1. Dr. Robert South to Joseph Williamson. I left London with no small regret that it was not my happiness to kiss your hands before my departure, though on Sunday in the afternoon I used all diligence imaginable to find you out, and own the obligation that your friendly, hearty prosecution and despatch of my business has for ever laid upon me. I assure you the sense and memory of your favour shall not die till I do, nor then neither, if I could as easily make as wish it immortal.

Mr. Woodruff, we hear, has obtained the reversion of the next canonry. Fortune has struck in with his boldness, and bore him up in spite of that that would have ruined another. I forget not my promise to you of paying all the service and respect to the Dean of Christ Church that I can. I ever courted his friendship, but have mourned over the ill success that all my attempts have met with formerly. However, I resolve to continue the attempt still. *Postscript.*—At my return, which will be shortly, I shall not sleep till I kiss your hand. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 1.*]

Jan. 1. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. A New England ship from
Portsmouth. Mevis (Nevis) to London says that a French squadron on that coast disturbs all ships trading there, carrying them into port to examine them, and making them pay large incident charges. The Dutch there are greatly concerned at being molested in their trade. [*Ibid. No. 2.*]

Jan. 1. James Blackborne to James Hicke. Sir William Jennens and
Plymouth. Captain Werden, with the fleet of merchantmen bound to the southward, have arrived, and were to have sailed to-day, but are detained by the wind being contrary and the appearance of foul weather. [*Ibid. No. 3.*]

Jan. 1. Pass to the Earl of Lindsey, to go into France with his lady and attendants. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 69.*]

Jan. 1. Commission for Ralph Widdrington to be captain of the foot company at Portsmouth, in room of Capt. Thomas Chicheley. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35A, f. 21.*]

Jan. 1. The King to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Ordering him to have
Whitehall. inserted in the present Irish establishment the pension of 50*l.* to Jane Cary, granted on 19 March 1661, in consideration of the loss of her husband, Capt. David Cary, murdered by the late usurper, on which a stop had been put in the lieutenancy of Lord Robartes. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 7, p. 426.*]

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Jan. 2. Richard Gibbons to ——— Hutchinson. I understand by Mr. Rolls Chapel. Sharpe that your kinsman Holland has suggested his forged lies against me. I need not give you notice that Mr. Sharpe will not pay me for the roll at Whitehall. I challenge you for nought since I have gotten his roll into my possession, with or without the leave of Mr. Williamson. I have not discovered a syllable to Barry as touching that matter. I did declare that I should expect 2s. a roll. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 4.*]

Jan. 2. John Carlile to Williamson. The fleet of about 100 sail put to Dover. sea from the Downs to the southward, and ten or twelve from this harbour, but the wind coming south-west has brought some back again. [*Ibid. No. 5.*]

Jan. 2. Richard Wilkinson to Lord Arlington. Since his Majesty has been pleased to grant my pardon, I am very much satisfied that nothing at present be done in it to prevent discovery of what information has been given, for some of the rebels pretend they have great intelligence from the Court, for which reason I shall not appear there before I have done their business, unless, through Mr. Pitt, I have his Majesty's or your commands to do so; but must beg your patience till I have really accomplished my designs upon them, for certainly I shall find out the very depth of their intentions, with a little more of your lordship's assistance, viz. about 30*l.* to pay certain debts, and to buy a horse. [*Ibid. No. 6.*]

Jan. 2. Richard Watts to Williamson. Mr. Goldsmith arrived from Deal. Virginia yesterday, and was but twenty-one days from sight of Virginia to sight of England. He reports that tobacco is very "scarsy" there, and also all sorts of provisions, especially bread, already scarce to be got for money. To-day four Holland merchant ships were forced in by foul weather. Another from Biscay reports that all the discourse in that part of France is that we and the Dutch shall fall out, but the country hope that a French mistake. [*Ibid. No. 7.*]

Jan. 2. Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. Yesterday arrived the Lyme. *Expedition* of this place from the Canaries. At her coming thence about six weeks since, she left the *Foresight* in chase of a small Turks man-of-war, which had put her in much hazard had she not timely come up to her. The northerly winds have carried several of our vessels westward, bound for French and other ports. [*Ibid. No. 8.*]

Jan. 2. James Huysman to Williamson. I did not send home your portrait, because I found some fault with the lower part of it, which I ask permission to alter, hoping you will accept it as a small present. [*Ibid. No. 9.*]

Jan. 2. Francis Bellott to Charles Perrott. Three or four vessels, part of Pendennis. the convoy under the *Princess* and *Falcon*, have put in here. [*Ibid. No. 10.*]

Jan. 2. T. Wilson to Sam. Pepys. I moved you when last at Chatham for Chatham. the exemption of the persons called my instruments from attendance

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at all calls. I can declare that his Majesty's service was never prejudiced to the value of 6*d.* by their absence or neglect. This morning they all were checked for a whole day by the Commissioner, by way of a new year's gift to me, though they were in the yard before there was any occasion for any of them. I beg you to consider my condition if they had then left, as few men will work for nothing. I have endeavoured at my own cost to oblige them for the good of the service and my own reputation, and shall continue to do so as long as they continue honest, as they often work overtime without any allowance, which far exceeds their coming short of a morning, or going away before a call at night. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 1.]

Jan. 2. John Maddocks to the Navy Commissioners. I will contract for Framlingham. the delivery of 500 loads of plank of sizes mentioned, 400 between this and next July, and 100 by next Michaelmas, at 4*l.* 6*s.* per load for that delivered at Chatham, and 1*s.* per load less for that delivered at Deptford or Woolwich, upon receiving ready money on delivery. I hope for greater despatch in the unloading of the hoys than formerly, having had to pay the demurrage, which I also hope will be allowed, otherwise I shall not be able to procure hoys. If the tender is accepted, and an order for the receipt of the goods is given, I will send three or four hoy-loads forthwith, and the remainder with all expedition, desiring that the meting the lengths of the timber may be deferred until the end of the contract, when I will abate for what is wanting; and that I may receive the money due upon the last contract, as, being but a young beginner, I am much damaged by being kept out of it. [*Ibid.* No. 2.]

Jan. ^[2]₁₂.
Leghorn.

Sir Thos. Clutterbuck to the Navy Commissioners. I send copy of my letter of the 5th. I hope your Honours will allow the valuation, in the letter of 13 October, of the pieces of eight, as it was their real value, as the exchange then went, and considering that I am fain to allow a provision in England for receiving and paying the money, and it has always been the custom so to pass it; should the exchange run higher, as it has often done, I shall nevertheless be content with that price. I solely throw myself upon your disposition with reference to your last resolution, but hope it will prove as comfortable as it seems just. I have allowed some small stores to the *St. David*, *Dartmouth*, *Jersey*, *Guernsey*, *Swallow*, and *Kent*, for which I have their commanders' orders, and on Capt. Poole's return from Zante shall supply him, and then forward all the papers. I ask that Sir Denis Gauden and Co. may be frequently and earnestly minded to treat me better than of late, as I am not able to express the great trouble and inconveniences caused by their bad compliance. If I do not receive speedy relief, I and my poor family will sink under the burden, and the service suffer. Capt. Loyd, of the *Kent*, has sailed with only one vessel under convoy. I have sent by him three chests of Florence wine, marked C : N, which I beg you will accept and divide amongst yourselves, and hope you will find it as good as any that ever came from that place. [2 pages. *Ibid.* No. 3.]

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Jan. 3. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of
Portsmouth. news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 11.*]
1670. News-letter. [Part given in the *Fleming Calendar*, p. 74.] The
Dec. 29- King of Ardres, in Guinea, has sent another of his envoys to
1671. Amsterdam, who is to go thence into France, and he that is at
Jan. 3. Paris to go for Holland, to treat with them about the establishment
of trade.
- Monday, 2nd.—In France, by an [ordinance] is lately established
the liberty of vending all sorts of merchandises in the several
provinces, where they shall be imported, but it excepts what comes
from Geneva, in so much that all from thence cannot be opened
but at the Custom House at Lyons, which will much prejudice
that trade. Letters from France say that the Duke of Lorraine
shall come into France, and upon his asking pardon for his violation
of treaties, shall be restored to his dominions. The French merchants
have sustained a very considerable loss by one of their best ships
being cast away in the Mediterranean coming from the Levant, out
of which but two seamen were saved; twenty Knights of Malta
on board perished. Last Saturday her Royal Highness was
suddenly taken extremely ill, so that for some time her life was
much doubted, since which she has been somewhat better.
- Tuesday, 3rd.—This morning the House met according to adjourn-
ment, and in pursuance of their former order about the Bill of
Subsidy. [3 pages. *Ibid.* No. 12.]
- Jan. 3. Dr. John Fell, Dean of Christ Church, to Williamson. I wish
you a happy New Year, and ask you to afford to a trifling book
coming towards you a place in the corner of your study. Since
Mr. Surveyor desires a more exact measure of the ground, Mr.
Crosse will take care to have it sent; but I conceive he need not
trouble himself with framing a model for such a piece of work.
The street is so high that the ground within cannot be abated
much, unless you will trust to sinks and drains to convey your
water. Have received an advertisement that the *Life of St.*
Adhelm, one of those your friend desires, is in a large MS. in
Gloucester library. [*Ibid.* No. 13.]
- [Jan. ?] Rev. William Shippen, M.A., to the King. Petition stating that
the rectory of Kirke Heaton, in Yorkshire, being void by the
death of the Rev. Dr. Elcocke, was now in his Majesty's gift
ratione symoniacæ, and praying him to grant the same to the
petitioner. [2 copies. *At foot of one,*]
- Jan. 3. Reference thereof to Lord Keeper Bridgeman, to inquire into the
Whitehall. alleged simony and to report thereon. Signed, "Arlington." [*Ibid.*
Nos. 14, 15.]
- Jan. 3. Another copy of the reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33,*
p. 142.]
- Jan. 3. The Earl of Manchester to Lord [Arlington]. In regard the
petitioner hath been prevented from being elected according to his
seniority by two former *mandamuses* I am willing he should

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have a *mandamus* for the next vacant fellowship (if his Majesty shall think fit), as he desires in his petition. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 16.]

Jan. 3. Warrant for a grant of the Controllershship of the Petty Customs in London, to Richard Breton and Francis Thorneton, in lieu of Colonel Neville, who has surrendered it. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, f. 187.]

Jan. 3. Commissioner John Cox to Col. Thos. Middleton, Surveyor of the Navy. Asking that twenty grindstones and some spikes formerly demanded may be sent down by the horse boat, as he cannot get on with the *Leopard's* works for want of them, and has set some people to make some of the latter, but they ask very dear, and proposing, if the fleet is to go abroad this year, to have some able men in the yard to build some boats there, as there are only some pinnaces which were built by one of the Moorcocks by contract and are very slight, and one boat built in the yard is worth two of the contract ones. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 4.]

Jan. 3. Capt. John Tinker to the Navy Commissioners. Asking a warrant for entering twenty-five riggers for fitting the ships that are to go to sea in the spring. [*Ibid.* No. 5.]

Jan. 3. Lord Berkeley, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, to [Lord Arlington]. Dublin. Enclosing a draft letter, for which he requests the King's signature, on behalf of Major Deane, Deputy Postmaster General of Ireland, who had provided three boats for that service, one of which was lately lost. Sir Ellis Leighton will give further information. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 346, No. 1.]

Jan. 3. Sir W. Domville to Thomas Gardiner. On behalf of his son-in-law, Sir Robert Hartpole, desiring his advice and assistance how to proceed in procuring a remission of the new quit rents on his estate. His father and grandfather were both slain by the late usurper, one at the storm of Drogheda, the other when captain of horse under the Duke of Ormonde. His family are of old English extraction, and have always been faithful to the Crown. [2 pages. *Ibid.* No. 2.]

Jan. 3. Warrant to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to swear William Lord O'Brien of the Privy Council. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 7, p. 427.]

Jan. 4. Thomas Holden to Williamson. Giving the names of the ships Falmouth. that had come in there. A small vessel that came there in five or six days from Holland states that the Dutch are making all preparation for war, both by land and sea. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 17.]

Jan. 4. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. To the same effect as the last. Falmouth. [*Ibid.* No. 18.]

Jan. 4. Sir George Downing to William Wardour. Desiring, on behalf of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, an account of all money Treasury. paid in the Exchequer for interest money or reward money between 1 January 1669[-70] and 1 January 1670[-1.] [*Ibid.* No. 19.]

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Jan. 4. Privy seal for payment to John Dodington, late Secretary of the Embassy Extraordinary to Venice and the Princes of Italy, of 450*l.*, his arrears, and also 2*l.* 10*s.* *per diem* from the 9th of October last, for his entertainment as Resident at Venice. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, p. 69.]

Docquet thereof. [2 copies. Docquets, Vol. 25, Nos. 2, 3.]

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Deal.

B. St. Michel to the Navy Commissioners. Understanding that the four muster books of the *Newcastle* and *Dragon* which I mustered last November, and sent up by Mr. Gilbert, the Canterbury carrier, have not been delivered, I ask you to send one of your officers to the carrier's porter, Matthew Bryant, at the Dark House, Billingsgate, with whom they were left. I will transmit copies in the meantime. The wind being southerly, has sent about four score of great Flemish ships, outward bound, into the Downs, together with three men-of-war as their convoy. I have the books for 9 November. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 6.]

Jan. 4.
Whitehall.

Order in Council, made on the petition of Luke Earl of Fingall, stating that his Majesty had in August last discharged his estate from all the new imposed quit rents which were by mistake said only to be 224*l.* 10*s.* 11½*d.*, whereas they appear to be 280*l.* 18*s.* 0½*d.*, and praying that his Majesty would order another letter for the amendment of the mistake, and confirmation of the former grant, ordering that a letter be prepared for the King's signature, confirming the former grant, and correcting the said mistake. [S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 346, No. 3.]

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"The case of the English weavers and French merchants truly stated." Giving reasons for discouraging the importation of foreign wrought silks. The entries of silks at the port of London from Michaelmas 1668 to Michaelmas 1669 are stated to have been, in lbs.

Wrought Silk, Foreign Manufactured.		Thrown Silk, Imported and Manufactured in England.		Raw Silk.	
Italy	- 39,457	Italy	- 87,216	Italy	- 14,563
Holland	- 10,557	Holland	- 2,878	Turkey	- 249,502
East Indies	- 14,370	Flanders	- 3,027	East Indies	- 248
Flanders	- 226				
France	- 1,400		93,121		264,313
	71,010				

Ferret silk from Flanders imported and manufactured in England - 7012.

[Drawn up probably in connection with the bill for encouraging silk weaving, introduced on 4 January 1670-1. (See Commons' Journals IX., 188.) Two copies. Printed paper. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, Nos. 20, 21.]

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Sir Orlando Bridgeman, Lord Keeper. Order appointing 9 a.m. next Saturday at Essex House, for the hearing of a petition [probably that of Mr. Shippen]. [*Ibid.* No. 22.]

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Three news-letters. [The only news they contain besides that contained in the *Fleming Calendar*, p. 74, and in other news-letters is:]

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Monday, 2nd—Her Royal Highness has for these several weeks past been under an extraordinary distemper of body, at the best keeping her chamber, but most commonly her bed. Our this day's letters from Paris say that it was said there that the King, upon the advice of the Emperor's having signed the Triple Alliance, contrary to the interest of France, has declared to the Emperor's envoy there, that if he pleased he might return home again unless he meant to live there as his subject, so that he is preparing to be gone with all speed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, Nos. 23, 24, 25.]

Jan. 5. Commission appointing Sir Thomas Lynch Lieutenant Governor of Jamaica. [*Calendared in S.P. Col., America &c.*, 1669-74, p. 152. $1\frac{1}{2}$ page. *Ibid.* No. 26.]

Jan. 5. Warrant to the Attorney or Solicitor General to prepare a bill for the King's signature, granting to Sir Samuel Morland an annuity of 300*l.*, to be paid out of the tenths of the clergy, in consideration of his having provided divers instruments and other things for the King's private service, and his abilities in mechanic arts, and his success in finding out divers inventions. [*Draft.* $1\frac{1}{2}$ page. *Ibid.* No. 27.]

Jan. 5. Similar warrant for granting him an annuity of ——— out of the 140,000*l.* payable by the farmers of the excise in London and Westminster. [*3 Drafts.* $1\frac{1}{2}$ page. *Ibid.* Nos. 28, 29, 30, and *S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 69.]

Jan. 5. Warrant to the Lord Lieutenant, on the recommendation of the Duke of Ormonde, ordering him, as Michael Ward, B.D., Senior Fellow of Trinity College, will be shortly obliged to resign, or be deprived of his said Fellowship by reason of accepting a benefice, and forasmuch as the same is without cure of souls, upon the occurrence of such vacancy to choose and re-admit him into a Senior Fellowship, with a dispensation of the clause in the oath promising not to accept while a Fellow of any benefice above a prescribed value and beyond a prescribed distance from Dublin. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 7, p. 427.]

Jan. 6. T. P[ovey] to Williamson. Concerning Mr. Martin's Fellowship, and enclosing a letter from his father and one from Mr. Yarborough, both much bewailing the misfortunes of the young man and the reflections which reach others much more considerable by his repeated repulse. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 31.]

Jan. 6. William Wade of Henley-on-Thames. Petition praying for the next vacancy in the hospital of Ewelme, with order granting the prayer of the petition. [*Ibid.* No. 32.]

Jan. 6. Printed notice to Williamson of a meeting of the Royal Company on the 10th, for choosing a Governor and other affairs. [*Ibid.* No. 33.]
Perhaps annexed,

List of the Royal Adventurers of England trading into Africa.
[*Printed paper.* *Ibid.* No. 331.]

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Dec. 31— News-letter. [The news identical with that in preceding letters,
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Jan. 6. 6th.—Our last letters from Dublin give this account of an
unfortunate accident which happened lately there: My Lord Lieu-
tenant, his lady, children, and many persons of quality, as well as
others, being met at the theatre there, the upper galleries thereof
suddenly fell down, with the fall of which his Excellency, his lady
and children were all hurt, though not much, but with it six persons
were killed, and above thrice that number dangerously wounded.
[*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 34.]
- Jan. 6. Richard Wilkinson to Richard Pitt at the Musled Bear's Head in
Vere Street. I am very much troubled at having no answer to my
letter, and more, that it has been my ill fortune to engage myself
in a matter so difficult. Had I known that I could not be supplied,
I would rather have lived an exile all my life, though the matter is
easy, and as certain a truth as that the sun is upon the meridian
at noonday. [*Ibid.* No. 35.]
- Jan. ^[6]₁₆. Sir Thos. Clutterbuck to the Navy Commissioners. Sending
Leghorn. copy of his letter of the 12th, also a letter for the Treasurer of the
Navy, upon whom he is to pass his victualling bills for the future,
by the Duke of York's order, stating that he shall supply all by a
joint letter from time to time, presuming that is the method,
although Mr. Wren is not clear therein, and asking for a due
discharge of his bills, particularly one of three months for
93*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.*, payable to John Smith. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom.,*
Car. II. 296, No. 7.]
- Jan. 6. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Ordering him to cause letters
patent to be passed for the appointment of Essex Digby, D.D.,
Dean of Cashel, to the bishopric of Dromore, vacant by the death
of George, the late bishop. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 7, p.* 428.]
- Jan. 7. Dr. Edmund Boldero to Williamson. I had a letter from Thetford
Snaylewell, about Mr. Martin's son's concerns at Pembroke Hall. They were
near then very much troubled that they had no certainty whether that
Newmarket. affair would speed or no. We in Cambridge think it strange that
the King's letters should be neglected there long; heretofore it used
not to be so, and I am sure the authority is the same now as then.
I shall not engage myself in a dispute of what has passed hereto-
fore, but if I may be serviceable in my advice for the future to let
you know how affairs stand in that college, or how the next letters
are to be directed, for another I'll assure you there must be,
I shall not now be unwilling publicly to appear in it. At present
the Master is at Lincoln. He took no notice of the letters at his
being in Cambridge, neither does he intend to return till mid-
summer, so that if you be resolved that his Majesty's letters shall
lie dormant till that time, and when he comes have the same enter-
tainment they had before, not only the young man's reputation is
lost, but all the interest his father had made by his friends is at
an end. You desired other letters testimonial from Jesus College
(as Mr. Martin sent me word). I sent word it was not usual to

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give testimonials twice upon the same account, but if my certificate and his tutor's also may do you any good, they shall be sent. Had you thought good to have sent a copy of the last letters, as you did of the first, I believe I could have so advised as neither my Lord Arlington nor yourself should have met with so many obstructions in these last as you have. I submit all to your wisdom, and beg your pardon for this interposal, but it is for my friends, and therefore I speak more freely than otherwise I would. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 36.*]

Jan. 7. Sir Orlando Bridgeman, Lord Keeper. Report on Shippen's petition, finding that the patron who was guilty of notorious simony in his contract with Dr. Elcocke had presented Mr. Wrightson before any applications made for his Majesty's title, and that Mr. Wrightson's near kinsman is the said patron's brother-in-law, and was the person to whom the patron referred himself for matter of bargain touching the presentation, and advising his Majesty to grant this presentation to some other person. [*Ibid. No. 37.*]

Jan. 7. James Welsh to Williamson. To-day a French vessel from Rye. Dunkirk was forced into this harbour by foul weather. The master affirms that the day he came thence there marched into Dunkirk 22,000 French, which with those in and about that place before make up 50,000, and that he hears of 50,000 more on their march thither, and also that the Governor had received a letter from the French king, assuring him that St. Domingo was taken by the French. [*Ibid. No. 38.*]

Jan. 7. John Powell to James Hickes. On Thursday arrived the Milford. *St. John* of Marseilles, loaded with lemons and oranges, bound for Dublin, and on the 4th a vessel from the Barbadoes. [*Ibid. No. 39.*]

[Jan. ?] ——— to the Justices of ———. Sending examinations of Stephen and Charles West, who have been examined by the mayor of Southampton, on suspicion of being concerned in the late barbarous attempt on the Duke of Ormonde, and wishing them to inquire into such particulars as relate to their parts, and to lose no time in the inquiry. [*Draft in Williamson's handwriting. Ibid. No. 40.*]

Jan. 7. Certificate under the hands of John Knight, mayor, and another, Bristol. that Thomas Greene, tanner, deposed that he had that day received the annexed letter from London from Stephen and Charles West, who lately lived at Stapleton in Gloucestershire, and usually frequented Bristol market every Saturday, and that both of them were at Bristol on 6 December last, in his company, and continued in and about Bristol till the 10th, and that on the 7th they bought of him a black nag with certain marks, and as the said letter mentions, gave him a hide in part payment thereof. [*City Seal affixed. Ibid. No. 41.*] *Enclosed,*

Jan. 5. *The said letter. Entreating Mr. Greene to send him a certificate certifying the colours and marks of the horse they bought of him, and the very day of the purchase, to the Gatehouse.*

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where they were clapped up in prison upon suspicion concerning the proclamation of my lord of Ormonde. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 41I.] Annexed,

- Jan. 2. Certificate under the hands of William Beveridge, vicar, and 21 others, that Stephen West and Ann Shelley were married at Ealing on 2 May 1663, and have lived at Old Brentford ever since, and that the cause of his going away now was that he was overthrown in a law suit. [Ibid. No. 41II.]
- Jan. 7. Richard Watts to Williamson. This morning in the storm a Deal. Hamburg vessel of about 100 tons, most of whose lading was powder, ran on ground in Sandown Bay, about two and a-half miles northward of Deal. The Deal pilots carried her off that place, but being almost stranded, and having much water in her hold, they came against this town and are now unloading her, for she cannot go so far as Dover pier. Yesterday morning, in the storm and rain, about twenty Dutch boats came on shore, and by the assistance of the Deal men all were saved. [Ibid. No. 42.]
- Jan. 7. Charles Whittington to Williamson. Advising him that he had Hull. sent him a quarter-cask of ale by the *Mary Ann* of Hull. [Ibid. No. 43.]
- Jan. 7. Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. The 5th arrived here the Lyme. *Happy Entrance* from Morlaix, and the *Comfort* of Bridgwater (by contrary winds) from Rochelle, but a week since for provision put into Brest. The master stated that they are there busily employed in building ships, twelve upon the stocks, to be of great force, one especially to have four decks and carry 130 guns, and to be called the *Wonder of the World*. They are drawing their old soldiers out of their garrisons and putting new raised men in their places, intending to be very formidable both at land and sea next spring. About three weeks since, a fleet of about 130 sail of merchantmen, French, Dutch, and English, a little before loaded at Bordeaux and other French ports with wines, salt, and brandy, put out of the road of Camerett, and was by a violent north-west wind most of them cast ashore, about 60 of them lost, some vessels since sailing that way with great difficulty passing the wreck. [Ibid. No. 44.]
- Jan. 7. Warrant to the Clerk of the Signet to prepare a warrant to the Commissioners of the Treasury, for payment of 11,000*l.* *per annum*, beginning from the previous Michaelmas, to the Earl of Sandwich, Master of the Great Wardrobe, to be paid over by him to the Duke of Buckingham, Master of Horse, who in consideration thereof has agreed to supply to the King's stables all the things hitherto issued out of the Great Wardrobe. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 96.]
- Jan. 7. King's letter to the University of Cambridge, directing them to make Leonard Hoar a Doctor of Physic. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 23.]

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Jan. 7. Warrant to the Exchequer for payment to Sir Wm. Boreman of 439*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.* in satisfaction of his disbursements at Greenwich. [*Docquets*, Vol. 25, No. 1.]

Jan. 7. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. Asking directions (1) as Chatham Dock. to repairing the *Plymouth*, as in ripping up part of her deck in the double dock, they found the seams and plank so bad that it will be necessary to new lay the deck, and several of her gun deck beams and knees are so rotten that they will have to shift them and replace certain bolts which are iron sick, which work is more than the survey mentions; (2) as to the *Friezland* flyboat, which has been brought in to be sheathed and fitted for a voyage to Guinea, whose master desires she may be flower ridered, &c., which will be a considerable charge that might be saved. Also wanting a warrant for the *Leopard*, which requires to be newly sheathed and her gun deck relaid. [*S.P. Dom.*, Car. II. 296, No. 8.]

Jan. 7. Complaint by John Cooke that Wm. Acworth of Woolwich Dockyard impounded three of his horses for trespassing, and demanded 10*s.* for each horse, notwithstanding that Acworth had trespassed several times on his grass and gardens; he proffered him 5*s.*, but only 30*s.* would satisfy. Acworth also impounded some cows belonging to John Latter, and one Leach of Charlton, and forced them to give him 3*l.* for trespass, and also impounded the horse of one Betts, and had 10*s.* and 1*s.* for his man, although the horse could not get over anything of a fence, being cross spanned. A horse of Leach's having fallen into a ditch, between Acworth's and Cooke's, so that it could not be got out through Cooke's ground, owing to Acworth's leaving his fence down, as he refused to allow them on his ground to get it out, it had to be drawn out by horses on to Cooke's, which was the death of the horse. Acworth distrained all the goods, bread, and cheese of one Smith, a poor widow, whose husband died in his Majesty's service, and having refused to give her her victuals, she was forced to make use of her neighbours' charity for her relief. Note, that this was received with a petition from Cooke, and also draft of a letter by the Navy Commissioners to Acworth, that if he will not give the petitioner satisfaction, or refer the business in dispute to indifferent persons, they will move his Royal Highness to take off the protection he is under by his place, and give the petitioner leave to take the benefit of the law against him. [*Ibid.* No. 9.]

Jan. 7. The King to Lord Chancellor Rothes and the Senators of the Whitehall. College of Justice of Scotland. Appointing Sir Jas. Dalrymple, of Stair, to the office of President of the College of Justice, in absence of the Lord Chancellor, in place of Sir John Gilmor, appointed 13 Feb. 1661, who has resigned the office through infirmity. He is to take his oath and be admitted in the usual form. [*S.P. Scotland*, Warrant Book 1, p. 48.]

Jan. 7. Warrant for a commission to William Earl Marshal, Lord Privy Whitehall. Seal, William Duke of Hamilton, the Earls of Argyll, Athole, Linlithgow, Dumfermline, and Panmure, and eleven others, to audit the

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accounts of the Treasury Commissioners of Scotland for the years 1666 and 1667, for which former commissions were granted and have proved unavailing; and also for the years 1668, 1669, and 1670, with power to disallow such articles in the said accounts as they think fit. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, pp. 49-51.*]

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Whitehall.

Discharge to Sir James Steward, of Kirkfield, of the report of 3 Aug. 1669, whereby the Commissioners of Public Accounts brought him in liable for certain moneys due on his accounts given in in 1658, he having paid considerable sums and satisfied the objections against his said accounts; and also discharge of all his public intromissions and accounts, and grant of the full benefit of the Act of Indemnity relating thereto. [*Ibid. pp. 51-2.*]

Jan. 7.
Whitehall.

Warrant to the Auditors of Public Accounts, appointed 16 Jan. 1663, to determine on the accounts of the late Jas. Hamilton of Dalzell, without the necessity of reporting to his Majesty; and grant of the whole sums to be recovered from his representatives to the Earl of Crawford and Lindsey, with power to him to pursue for and give discharges for the same. [*Ibid. pp. 53-4.*]

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Portsmouth.

A[nthony] Deane to Williamson. Inquiring if he has received his letter, written about fourteen days since, to inform him "how far, and in what nature, I had discoursed one fit for the purpose we spoke of when I was in town about a voyage or journey." [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 45.*]

Jan. 8.
Plymouth.

James Blackborne to James Hickes. Enclosing the names of the ships arrived since his last. [*Ibid. No. 46.*]

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Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. The vessel mentioned last post belonged to Denmark. The master will not confess whence he came or whither he is bound, but wished he sunk before he came on shore. The steersman says she came from Holland; she is loaded with cables, powder, and beeswax. The steersman said they were bound for Brest, and that they have copper guns in hold; some of the cables are 22 or 23 inches, big enough to ride the best royal ship in England. [*Ibid. No. 47.*]

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Oxford.

Dr. Peter Mews, Vice-Chancellor, to Williamson. We all think ourselves much honoured with the kind expressions the Prince of Orange is pleased to make of his reception here. No place is more devoted to the Royal Family. We have not perhaps the art to set off the expressions of our duty with that advantage which others do, but we are sure none can mean better. I find many here not a little disgusted at the *Gazette* for taking (as they think) so slight notice of his reception, and in particular for mentioning the present which the town made, and not that which was made by the University, which was the late King's works, bound in two volumes, and presented him in Convocation; and those who do not take a right measure of things think I was to blame in not employing somebody to give an account of it, but I have made you

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sensible how improper it was for me, and that it might have been very proper for some of them. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 48.]

[Jan. 9 ?] Bill making perpetual the Act 17 Car. II., for avoiding unnecessary suits and delays (in courts of justice), made to last five years, and thence till the next session of Parliament. [*See Commons' Journals IX.*, 188. *Ibid.* No. 49.]

[Jan. 9.] The case on behalf of Sir Thomas Allen, and the answer of William Wood, both claiming to be returned for Dunwich [*See Commons' Journals IX.*, 188. *Printed Paper.* *Ibid.* No. 50.]

Jan. 9. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Stating that the East India-
Falmouth. men mentioned in his last were still in port, and giving the names of some other vessels that had arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 51.]

Jan. 9. Edw. Byland to the Navy Commissioners. As the *Milford* will
Woolwich. be ready to be launched to-morrow week, asking them to issue an order for lightening the *Bristol* if she is to be docked, as she has her cables, anchors, &c., in her, as well as 100 tons of ballast. Fearing he will be much necessitated for timber, having received none since October except a small parcel; and, as he is very sick and weak, desiring to be allowed to remove to Eltham, as he hopes the air will do him good, and unless it is speedily done, he may not be in a capacity to move at all. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 10.]

Jan. ^[9]₁₉. Sir Thos. Clutterbuck to the Navy Commissioners. I send copies
Leghorn. of my two letters of the 16th to you and the Treasurers of the Navy, forwarded by the *Lyons* ordinary [of which the first is calendared above], and in the second I stated that I believed they were no strangers to my long and just complaint against Sir Denis Gauden and Co., whose bad compliance with the bills of exchange passed upon them had threatened my ruin, and that Secretary Wren had signified his Royal Highness's pleasure that I should make my drafts upon them for the future, and that I had accordingly passed one for 93*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.*, payable three months after date to John Smith, which I hoped would find due acceptance and payment at maturity; and also that they might be the better informed of the state of my case with Sir Denis Gauden and Co., I sent a copy of my last account with them, by which they would find that when my bills were satisfied I would still remain a creditor for above 2,000*l.*, and that I also sent another account to a friend in London to adjust and receive the balance, and that I forwarded the indents for victualling five ships, as also the orders of the commanders of the *Swallow* and *Kent* for supplies. Since then I have passed another bill upon their Honours for 60*l.*, payable at sight to John Hanson, the discharge of which is requested, it being for a similar sum disbursed for me. Sir Denis Gauden's bad compliance has struck such terror into all the merchants and strangers here that they dread the thought of trusting the public or concerning themselves with them, so that I am exceedingly straitened for money, and know not how to procure one penny by exchange. If you would work a better opinion into the merchants in London I would soon find the fruits of it in better treatment from their factors here, and

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as it will tend so much to the advantage of the service, I shall use on other argument to move you to a ready compliance with my desires. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 11.]

Jan. 10. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of
Portsmouth. news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 52.]

Jan. 10. The King to [the Warden and Fellows of All Souls' College,
Whitehall. Oxford]. Signifying his pleasure that they elect and admit Charles Hales, son of Sir Edward Hales, Bart., to a fellowship lately become vacant, and dispensing on this occasion, if necessary, with any canon, statute, custom, usage, or constitution of that college to the contrary. [*Draft. Ibid.* No. 53.]

Jan. 5-10. News-letter. [Part of the news in *Fleming Calendar*, p. 75.] 6th.—The persons taken at Southampton, suspected to be the persons who lately made that horrid attempt on the Duke of Ormonde, this evening were examined by Lord Arlington and some other Lords of the Council, when they pretended their names to be West, two brothers, by profession butchers, and that they rambled so about upon occasion of debts; but being taken in different confessions and found to be persons of an unknown life and conversation, if not the persons suspected, they were committed to the Gatehouse till better evidence be brought to clear them. 7th.—The Prince of Orange, accompanied by the Earl of Ossory, Lord Arlington, and many other persons of quality, did the Archbishop of Canterbury the honour to dine with him at his palace in Lambeth, where they were very nobly entertained to their extraordinary satisfaction. As yet not said to whom the two vacant bishoprics of Worcester and Lichfield and Coventry shall be disposed of, but it is generally believed that Dr. Pearson, Master of Trinity College in Cambridge, will have one of them. The Bishop of Münster has lately writ to the States of Holland wishing them a happy New Year, and freely offering them his force he has at present in pay, to serve them on all occasions as soon as he has finished his dispute with the Duke of Brunswick. Dr. Ironside, late Bishop of Bristol, is said to have died, but who shall succeed him is not yet said. [3 pages. *Ibid.* No. 54.]

Jan. 10. Sir Robert Harley to Lord Arlington. About a year since, with
Brampton the King's privity, I paid 750*l.* to the widows of former receivers of
Castle, fee farm rents in some adjacent counties for the place of receiver.
Herefordshire. These being ordered to be sold, I have received not one penny from the place, and would lose what I laid out. Therefore I ask your mediation, that I may not incur this loss. [*Ibid.* No. 55.]

Jan. 10. The King to Lord Chief Justice Keeling and the Recorder and Sheriffs of London. At the intercession of the Prince of Orange, directing that in case George de Hertog, Lord of Valkenbergh, indicted for killing the Sieur de la Salle, be found guilty of murder or manslaughter, they forbear executing the penalty of death or burning in the hand, and all other penalties or forfeitures, but discharge him on bail to sue for pardon. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 70.]

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London.

Capt. Edmund Chillenden to Viscount Brouncker. Mr. Hayter showed me Lady Penn's letter about the poor widow, Dorothy Letts, whose money comes to about 12*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.*, as mentioned in her petition and the affidavit annexed, which Mr. Carkcas informs me is in their custody. As to my being ordered to prove what is alleged in the petition, the affidavit proves the ticket, and the letters of administration and power of attorney were given to Henry Boston, then a servant to Lady Penn, and if more must be proved, I must ask an order of Mr. Robt. Wayte and Mr. Anth. Stevens to give an account. I ask also an order, as promised in a document enclosed, for Mr. Butler Buggen to deliver up the bond of the purser of the *Happy Entrance* if he has passed his accounts. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 12.]

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Draft letter drawn up by Colonel Middleton and Sir Jeremy Smith in answer to some extravagant complaints and demands of Capt. Langston about the galleries and sails of his ship, and the junk supplied. *Noted* that it was not sent, but that the matter was left for inquiry at his return. [*Ibid.* No. 13.]

Jan. 11.
Milford.

John Powell to James Hicke. Concerning the loss of the *Unity* of Minehead. The 9th arrived the *Neptune* of London, from Guinea to the Barbados, and thence in ballast. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 56.]

Jan. 11.
Dover.

John Carlile to Williamson. I received just now the enclosed brief from Dr. Samuel Hinde, who desires you to take notice that there was over 5*l.* collected at a conventicle, and 40*s.* at our church called St. Mary's, where his Majesty used to go. This Mr. Barrey will be before the King and Council next Friday, so I hope this will come in good time to you, to show it to Lord Arlington that he may produce it before the King and Council, for he has made great divisions amongst us, and keeps a conventicle in his own house. The new mayor winks at all conventicles, and at the law and charters too, so that we are a sad divided people, and without a speedy remedy from his Majesty we shall be worse, for this mayor is an obstinate fellow, which understands little, which causes all our affairs and decrees to signify nothing. I shall give you in my next a further account of what a sad condition the corporation is in by means of this mayor. [*Ibid.* No. 57.]

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Petition of the distressed widow Dergofsky to the King for the money he promised her, to enable her to pay her debts, and return to her own country, as she is now reduced to the utmost extremity. [*Ibid.* No. 58.]

Jan. 11.

Warrant to the Commissioners of the Treasury for payment of 100*l.* upon the privy seal of 22 August last, to Isabella Dergofsky. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 70.]

Jan. 11.

Warrant to the Clerk of the Signet, to prepare a warrant to the Commissioners of the Treasury, for payment to Charles Bertie, Envoy to the King of Denmark, of 300*l.* for his equipage and transport, of 4*l.* *per diem* for his entertainment from his departure

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to his return, and also of whatever may be due for intelligence and extraordinaries. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 95.*]

Jan. 11.
Treasury
Chambers.

Sir Geo. Downing to Sam. Pepys. Stating that he has received the draft privy seal for paying the Navy debt from Sir Robt. Long, and desiring to speak with him at his house to-morrow morning before eight o'clock, to perfect the business which has been so long about. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 14.*]

Jan. 11.
Woolwich.

William Acworth to the Navy Commissioners. I have seen John Cooke's false petition, and the reference upon it, to which I submit. I pay a dear rent for twelve acres of marsh land on which I have had no beast since it was mowed last Midsummer, but he has had seven hungry hard-wrought horses and two cows at a time feeding in it. I had them put out and gave him notice three times, and was at last necessitated to impound four of his horses, but he would not give satisfaction, and cited me to the county court near Maidstone, 30 miles off, where an attorney appeared for me, but he got weary of that court, although he threatened to keep me there for three years. I was offered 10*l.* until Lady Day for the twelve acres Cooke's cattle fed in, and now cannot get 40*s.*, and his hogs, coming through his own fence, have ploughed up the best part of nine acres of an orchard, planted with rose and fruit trees, and his men that fetched them from thence said it was a shame I should be so wronged. He also permitted his servants to steal the fruit and roses, and he has stilled great quantities of the latter before my face. He arrested a poor man for 18*d.*, and kept him a prisoner with two bailiffs at an ale house for two days and nights. I have heard, where he came from, that he is a very troublesome, untrue speaking fellow, and given to eat his neighbours up. If any person can justly say that I have done him wrong or owe him money, I will either give him satisfaction or appear to his action without troubling his Royal Highness or your Honours, but I beseech I may not be condemned before I have been heard. [*Ibid. No. 15.*]

Jan. 11.
Deptford.

Thos. Turner to the Navy Commissioners. Your Honours have been misinformed as to my refusing to allow Capt. Guy of the *Henrietta* yacht the same allowance of candles and charcoal as formerly, as I had allowed him his candles before your order came down, but would not give him any before he was admitted, although he sent his man for them months before, and if any were due it was to his predecessor, Capt. Crow. I will deliver charcoal if ordered, but never did so since I came to Deptford, although the captains have been very earnest for some, pretending it was to air his Majesty's bedding, chairs, and goods on board; but I put them off by asking for a warrant. [*Ibid. No. 16.*]

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Port Mahon.

Rich. Gibson to the Navy Commissioners. The *Mary, Advice*, and *Garland* have come in to clean, leaving the *Warwick* to bring in the *Portsmouth* ketch from Ivica, and the *Centurion* has also arrived with an order from the Admiral to victual her for three months for 190 men, 188 being on board. I have ended the survey, but not set it even with the boatswain and carpenter of the *Hand*,

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who have what is proper under their care. I have enclosed the upper end of the cave where Sir Thos. Allen left the smith's shop, which is removed to another place, which for about 400 pieces of eight charge will make it capable of receiving 200 tons of provisions besides the cooperage, and it is being built upon the King's ground near the waterside (to ease the charge and difficulty of transportation, and to secure it from thieves), which will save his Majesty the money in a year by rent, and secure him from paying any demurrage should victuallers come hither and find no men-of-war here to help to unliver (*sic*) them. I had the magistrates' leave, as also an order from the Admiral (copy enclosed), and although the latter knows nothing of it, I do not fear his approving. The store of masts is scanty, and the *Warwick* has to be supplied with a mainmast and the *Advice* with a mainyard, and the deals will be used up on the ships in port. The stock of victuals was as I guessed in my letter of 20 Nov., but I shall be more particular when I have victualled all round, but I cannot see how the practice of ships going to sea without indenting until their return can be avoided. I have victualled the *Golden Hand* and six others for the men and days mentioned. I ask for a supply of 200 tons of unwrought butt staves and iron hoops for them, also for some slop clothes, not having one pack left, and the *Centurion* going without, which would have taken 100*l.* worth to make their men but look like Christians. The Admiral took an Algiers man-of-war of 36 or 38 guns before he had been at sea ten days, which Capt. Bower says is higher between decks than the *Revenge*. The Admiral also says that Mr. Wren has written him that I may hourly expect three months' provisions for the whole fleet, and that he hopes I will be able to stow it. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 17.] *Annexed,*

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Revenge,
Port Mahon.

Sir Edw. Spragg to Rich. Gibson. As the provisions which came from England in the Bermudas Merchant have put us to some trouble in getting them lodged, and knowing of a greater quantity coming with the convoy attending the herring fleet, and believing our necessities for stowage are already too much known to the inhabitants, so that little can be expected while the victualling and store ships remain in port, before which I shall have gone to sea, I therefore empower you to hire or build a fitting place during my absence, to lodge 430 tons of provisions expected as aforesaid. [Copy. Ibid. No. 171.]

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Jan. 11.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a commission for erection of a supreme justice court and criminal judicatory for Scotland, to consist of the Justice General, Justice Clerk, and five of the Lords of Session named therein, according to a report of the commission appointed 21 Sept. 1669, to consult upon courts of judicature. No appeal to be allowed from the said court to ordinary courts, with saving of the rights of lords and bailies of regalities. Also that two of the said judges hold circuits once a year at Dumfries and Jedburgh, two at Stirling, Glasgow, and Ayr,

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and two at Perth, Aberdeen, and Inverness. The said commission not to prejudice John Earl of Atholl, Justice General, or Sir John Home of Renton, Justice Clerk, in their former gifts of office as criminal judges, except as regulated by the above orders. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, pp. 54-59.*]

Jan. 11.
Whitehall.

The King to Lord Aungier, Vice-Treasurer, and Treasurer at War in Ireland. Warrant for payment to George Wharton, the Treasurer and Paymaster of the Ordnance Office, of 6,076*l.*, by the instalments therein mentioned, for powder, arms, and other stores sent to Dublin from the office, and for the carriage thereof, which had been directed to be paid by an order in Council of 1 Oct. 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 7, p. 429.*]

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The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing him to cause letters patent to be passed granting to William Robinson the place of Engineer and Surveyor-General of all fortifications, buildings, &c., in Ireland, with the stipend of 5*s. per diem*, and also with the ancient fees and emoluments of the place, to commence on the determination of the former letters patent to Capts. John Paine and John Hollam. [*Ibid. p. 431.*]

Jan. 6-12. Two news-letters. [The only intelligence not in other news-
Jan. 11-12. letters, or the *Fleming Calendar*, p. 75, is :]

11th.—The Emperor has lately, by his ministers, proposed his entrance into the Triple Alliance with England, Sweden, and Holland, and has been accepted by them, so that all necessary instruments therein are drawn up and signed by his Imperial Majesty, to the no small dissatisfaction of the French king. The report of the Bishop of Bristol's being dead as yet wants confirmation.

12th.—All necessary preparations are making for the war which is thought to be intended next spring between France and Holland in both these countries. Also the Governor of the Spanish Netherlands is making all imaginable preparations for the fortifying of these countries, which, it is reported, will be the scene of the war. The two persons in the Gatehouse about the suspicion of being parties in the attempt on the Duke of Ormonde, were this week sent to Newgate to stand their trial at the gaol delivery this week at the Old Bayly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, Nos. 59, 60.*]

Jan. 12.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of news. [*Ibid. No. 61.*]

Jan. 12.

Thomas Twitney to Colonel Samuel Sandys, M.P. There being of late a sort of rude and dissolute people in the parishes of Severnstoke, Kempsey, and Pyrton, called Levellers, the principal of them being one Nicholas Fowler, who is called, and calls himself, Robin Hood, having two brothers, Thomas and William, one of them called Little John, they, associated with others of the neighbourhood, have become nightwalkers, and do many exploits of villainy and roguery in the country, viz. to steal geese, hens, and ducks, &c., to cut men's corn before it is ripe, to unthatch men's houses, barns, &c., to cut and shear the manes and tails of men's horses, and cut in pieces their gears, ploughs, carts, burn their

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hurdles and sheep pens, set open and break down their gates and fences, exposing their grounds to the cattle of the commons, scatter hay ricks, carry muck and dung out of men's foldyards, break into men's houses, beat and wound divers people, steal away, break and spoil hives of bees, and particularly breaking into a smith's shop in the night time, and taking thence four dozen of horse-shoes, and cutting in pieces his bellows, and casting his anvil in the well, and putting the whole county in fear and terror; did several times in the night beset and assault the house of one Richard Addington with guns and fire-arms, and killed one Butler that was in the house in the assistance of Addington, by shooting him in the head with a brace of bullets. This being the case, upon 23 December the justices of the peace, viz. Sir Francis Russell, Thomas Street, and Thomas Vernon, Esqs., met at Severnstoke, the headquarters of the Levellers, where I also attended, and whither the country people came in great numbers, with guns, bills, &c., and there we took many informations upon oath of all their pranks (although I confess many of them were acted so occultly that the evidence against their persons was but circumstantial), and warrants were made for their apprehension, and two persons named Gyles and Rumney, who were charged to keep not only unlicensed but very disorderly alehouses which were the chief places of their rendezvous, were apprehended and committed to prison, also divers others were put under good sureties to appear at the sessions, and all endeavours used to apprehend the principals, though it proved fruitless. On 10 January the sessions was held, and care being taken that several of the most substantial inhabitants of those parts should be returned of the grand inquest, they appeared and were impanelled, and one bill of felony was found against Robin Hood and another, and several bills for misdemeanours against others, particularly Gyles for his unlicensed and disorderly alehouse, who confessed and submitted, and so was fined and imprisoned, and others were likewise fined and imprisoned, and others bailed under good sureties to appear next sessions till better evidence can be given, for that people are generally afraid to give evidence. However, the grand inquest, being duly encouraged hereunto by the Court, have presented, and 'tis ordered that the apprehenders of Robin Hood shall have 10*l.* out of the county stock, and the apprehenders of William Fowler and Thomas Fowler and one William Parker 5*l.* a-piece. The case and sufferings of Addington and one Mascall were taken into consideration by the Court, being but poor men who had done much in these disorders, and they had recompense towards the same given them by order of the Court, so that the country has received good satisfaction and encouragement, and the thoughts of these rewards has so influenced the zeal of many, that 'tis hoped they will be suddenly apprehended, but it is believed the knot is broken, and they utterly dispersed, the death of Butler having much quailed and daunted their spirits. [3½ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 62.]

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Reference to the Commissioners of the Treasury, and the Committee for Irish Affairs, of the petition of Sir John Kennedy, a

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Baron of the Irish Exchequer, praying that the quit-rent of certain lands purchased by him be reduced from 139*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* to 95*l.* *per annum.* [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33, p. 142.*]

Jan. 12.
Newcastle,
Cadiz.

Capt. Anth. Langston to the Navy Commissioners. I arrived here this day with all my little flock except one called the *Cat* of Falmouth, bound for Alicant, which I think foundered the first night we came out of Kinsale. I believe no man ever convoyed such a parcel of tools before. The merchant of the Scotch ships protests he would rather have bought them and their cargoes and sunk them than waited the time he has. The cordage of the *Newcastle* is so defective, that although there has been but little warm weather, the tar weeps out so fast that it runs down in streams, like a cut pine tree, and from our being on this side of the North Cape, they have shrunk so much that if they hold at the same rate the shrouds and rigging will be no bigger than fiddle-strings before coming home. The abuse done his Majesty makes me heartily pray that those worthy gentlemen who practise it may have their due reward. Since being here, we hear that Sir Edw. Spragg has taken the *City of Algiers*, and that the vessel I lost has put into Lisbon. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 18.*]

Jan. 12.
Emsworth
Sloop.

Capt. Walter Perry to [the Navy Commissioners]. I have been with Mr. Wren for orders, who told me the Duke intended sending me into the Lee Road to look after a Dutchman employed to sweep and weigh the *London's* guns, but as the deck of the *Emsworth* is bad and wants shifting, and she is to be searched with the cackers (caulkers) under water, I ask an order to Mr. Shish about it. [*Ibid. No. 19.*]

[Jan. 12?] Marg. [Countess of] Fingall to Williamson. Begging him to get Thursday. the enclosed, which has been altered by the Attorney-General, drawn and signed as soon as possible. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 346, No. 4.*]

Jan. 13. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. In favour of the Earl of Fingall, in the terms of the order in Council of the 4th instant. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 7, p. 430.*]

Jan. 13. J. Knightley to Colonel Samuel Sandys, M.P. Some conventiclers (twenty of them freeholders) were convicted by me last October. One of them this sessions tried his appeal, but we were so careful, and had got so good a jury, that their confidence was a little dashed, and in less than an hour's dispute a verdict brought in for the King. But such is the insolence of that party, and so resolved they are to fright all persons from being informers of their seditious meetings, that the Court was hardly up before they arrested the informer with five several actions, the expense of which must necessarily undo a poor man—a rich one, indeed, is not able to wrestle with their united purse. Sir Henry Puckering and I concluded no way was so likely to protect and encourage informers, and to check their impudence, as to send an account up to some members that a little care may be taken in the new Act. He pitched upon Sir Robert Holt, with whom I pray you confer, and

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I promised to give account to you, and to beg your assistance, which I thought was my duty, in respect the law will signify very little if that dangerous party (not contented with the liberty you have given them of an appeal) may not be stopped from deterring and ruining informers, without whom nothing can be done. If the statutes of 29^o cap. 6. and 35^o cap. 1. of the Queen were a little explained and more fitted to our present purpose, you may find some paragraphs in them worthy consideration.

Postscript.—There is a case at present before me showing a deficiency in that paragraph of the late Act (*p.* 13) which begins, “*In case any offender against this Act shall be an inhabitant in any other county, &c., fly after the offence, &c.*,” for an inhabitant of our county by me convicted continues in person where before he lived, but removed all his goods into another county, and by the law I conceive we have no way to levy the penalty, for we cannot touch the man or send a certificate to a justice in that county where his goods are, because he himself was not inhabitant there before, nor fled thither since. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 63.]

Jan. 13.
Treasury
Chambers.

Lord Ashley and Sir Thomas Clifford, Commissioners of the Treasury, to the King. Report on the petition of the Lady Dowager Abergavenny, praying a grant of what the King should receive from the town of Hamburg for the loss sustained by him in the Elbe from some Dutch men-of-war during the late war. As the Commissioners of the Navy had informed them that the King's share in the satisfaction might amount to about 4,000*l.*, but that they could not yet close the account of the said loss between the King and Sir William Warren, inasmuch as the whole was not yet adjusted between the latter and Hamburg, they were unable without more certain information to offer any opinion. [*Signed. Ibid.* No. 64.]

Jan. 13. Warrant to the Attorney-General to prepare a pardon for George Snelling for barretry. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 48.]

Jan 13. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I send an estimate of
Chatham Dock. the charge for the repairs to the *Plymouth* and *Leopard*. I do not know why Commissioner Cox has not given me a warrant for ships already done, and have spoken to him several times about it. We are going on with the *Friezland*. Shall we build her a head, as it may be convenient for her intended voyage? [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 20.] *Enclosed,*

*The said estimate, amounting for the Leopard to 1,200*l.*, and the Plymouth to 1,705*l.** [*Ibid.* No. 21.]

Jan. 13. Capt. Thos. Foulis to William (*sic*) Pepys, asking whether any report has yet been made to the Duke about his business, and if not, when it will be. Would have waited upon him, but is not well. [*Ibid.* No. 22.]

Jan. 13.
Plymouth
Sound.

Capt. Sir Wm. Jennens to Matthew Wren. I have often told you that the *Falcon* and *Princess* wanted “hamacoes,” but could never hear of a supply. The continual noise of the men has at last forced us to get credit for 100, for which we have given a bill upon the Navy

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Commissioners. The *Falcon* having cut her best bower anchor by the rocks in Plymouth Sound and damaged her cable, I have been necessitated to get another cable from a kinsman, for which I have also given a bill, which I hope will be met. The wind being N.N.W. and fine weather, I am endeavouring to get the ships out of Catwater, and hope to be able to do so and sail to-morrow. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 23.]

Jan. 13.
Plymouth.

Capt. Sir Wm. Jennens and Robt. Werden to the Navy Commissioners. We have procured a cable for the *Falcon* from Wm. Jennens of Plymouth, for 63*l.* 9*s.* 2*d.*, for which we have drawn a bill upon you, and hope you will meet it, as we have engaged ourselves for your punctual performance. [*Ibid.* No. 24.]

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London.

Capt. John Hart of the *Portland* to Thos. Haither (Hayter). Asking him to deliver twenty tickets for the use of the ship to John Burton, the purser. [*Ibid.* No. 25.]

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Robt. Mayor to the Navy Commissioners. Asking for a warrant to Deptford, for receiving 16 loads of elm timber, part of 40 loads, from Mr. Kingsbury. [*Ibid.* No. 26.]

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Sir Thos. Clutterbuck to the Navy Commissioners. Sending copy of his letter of the 19th, and advising them that he has this day passed his bills upon the treasurer upon the victualling account for 356*l.* 5*s.* in three bills of 118*l.* 15*s.*, each payable two months after date to Thos. Dethick, Henry Charlton, and Jas. Court, whose great readiness in promoting the service when the public credit is so low merits all just encouragement, and so humbly begging they may be punctually discharged at the very hour they fall due. [*Ibid.* No. 27.]

Jan. 13.
Whitehall.

The King to the Treasury Commissioners of Scotland. Having appointed the Justice General, Justice Clerk, and five senators of the College of Justice, to sit weekly, and oftener in time of sessions, and to go on circuits during the vacation, ordering them to pay to each 100*l.* sterling a year for the service; also to pay still 50*l.* sterling a year to John Preston, late Justice Deputy, till further orders; also to provide for the judges the robes prescribed by the rules for establishing that court. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 1, p. 60.]

Jan. 13.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Provost and Bailies of Edinburgh. Having established the said justice court, that criminal trials may be decided in an orderly and solemn manner, requiring them to provide convenient rooms for its meetings, with benches and places for the judges, pursuers, defenders, officers of courts, &c., taking advice of the Treasury Commissioners [of Scotland.] [*Ibid.* p. 61.]

Jan. 13.
Whitehall.

Order in Council. After reciting a former order of 11 November last—whereby the petition of Alexander Frazer and Mary his wife, daughter and heir of James Ware, Auditor-General of the Exchequer in Ireland, setting forth at large the rape of the said Mary (before she was married to the petitioner Alexander) by one James Shirley, and the whole proceedings thereon in the ecclesiastical and other courts in Ireland, and praying his Majesty to revoke his letters of

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protection dated 19 June 1670, obtained by untrue suggestions and notorious falsehoods of the said Shirley for staying all criminal prosecution of him, was referred to the Lord Keeper for his report—it was on the said report ordered that Lord Arlington prepare a letter for his Majesty's signature to the Lord Lieutenant, directing him to take care that Sir W. Domvile, the Attorney-General of Ireland, should prosecute the said Shirley for the said rape accordingly, notwithstanding the former letter of the date aforesaid, and also prepare a similar letter to the said Sir W. Domvile, requiring him to indict the said Shirley for the said rape, wherein the sentence of nullity given in the Ecclesiastical Court in Ireland, of a pretended marriage of the said Shirley to the said Mary, is not to be given in evidence, in regard there is an appeal depending from the same. [*Nearly 2 pages. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 346, No. 5.*]

[Jan.] Rev. Ralph Otes, M.A., to the King. Petition, stating that he has for three years past officiated as curate at Kirkheaton, to the great content of the whole parish, that he was the whole and first discoverer of Mr. Wrighton's simoniacal contract with Mr. Richard Beamont for the said rectory, that then Mr. Shippen, brother-in-law to Mr. Elcock, a former simoniacal contractor with Mr. Beamont, promised him all his aid to procure the King's presentation to the living, but that Mr. Shippen now tries to get the presentation for himself, and praying that the allegations therein be referred to the Lord Keeper for report. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 65, and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33, p. 143.*] *At foot,*

Jan. 14. *Order referring the said petition accordingly. Endorsed, "Order of the Lord Keeper, dated the 18th, appointing next Friday at 8 a.m., at Essex House, to hear all parties." Annexed,*

Report of the Lord Keeper, dated the 21st, that the petitioner's allegation of Mr. Shippen's promising him his assistance was proved by the affidavit of one witness, but denied by Mr. Shippen on oath, and that he conceives there is no obligation on the King, either in respect of particular merit of the petitioner or otherwise, to gratify him in his suit. [Ibid. No. 651.]

Another copy of the said report. [*Ibid. No. 66.*]

Jan. 14. Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. Yesterday put in here by
Lyme. contrary winds the *Morlaix Merchant* of Bristol, in two days from Morlaix. The master says they talk there much of a war with the Dutch, and the French King has prohibited the export of any brandy to them, as well as they the receiving of it. [*Ibid. No. 67.*]

Jan. 14. Warrant to the keeper of the Gatehouse for the release of the prisoners Stephen and Charles West. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 70.*]

Jan. 14. Wm. Wooly, Thos. Bates, and Abraham Sumers to the Navy Commissioners. Were three soldiers wounded in fight against the French in the West Indies, the two former belonging to Capt. Morley's company in Sir Thos. (*sic*) Bridges' regiment aboard the *Old Lion* and

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Assurance at Martinique in July 1667, and the last belonging to Capt. Thos. Mallet's company in the said regiment, and wounded in going ashore at St. Christopher's in Capt. Berry's sloop in June 1667. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 28.] *Annexed*,

Petition of the same to the King for an order for satisfaction for twenty-two months' pay due out of the money allotted for extraordinary uses or other ways as may seem most expedient, otherwise they must undoubtedly perish. Have all served his Majesty and suffered the loss of their limbs, which has often been demonstrated by petition, one of which was referred by his Majesty to the Navy Commissioners and Treasurers to pay what was due, who answered that it was not in their power to relieve them, they being land soldiers, but hoped his Majesty would order them satisfaction in some other way. [Ibid. No. 29.]

Jan. 14. Memorandum, by Mr. Ruffhead, of six anchors lying at Chatham which require to be repaired, together with the cost of each. [Ibid. No. 30.]

Jan. 14. Robert Mayor to the Navy Commissioners. Asking for a warrant to Deptford, for the receipt of 7 loads of plank and 10 loads of small compass timber for boats from Peter Holborow. [Ibid. No. 31.]

Jan. 14. John Morehouse to the Navy Commissioners. As it has been represented by the grand jury of Northampton that under the powers of the late Act I have charged 400 carriages upon that part of the county which lies within a distance of twelve miles, and thereby caused a great charge and oppression upon many towns and parishes within Northamptonshire, I beg to say that I have never since the first year charged any carriage, and then only to carry 700 loads, when the parish charged agreed with many of my carters to carry the timber for them, since when I have not charged any other, and never shall. I have created so many carters, and set their salaries in such a way, that they now strive to carry the timber and plank at his Majesty's price. I can show warrants that were never charged upon the country. [Ibid. No. 32.]

Jan. 15. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Friday last came to Spithead by contrary winds a French man-of-war of about 30 guns, bound Portsmouth. for Martinico. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 68.]

Jan. 15. James Blackborne to James Hickes. This morning arrived from Plymouth. Malaga one of the town called the *Malaga Merchant*, who has been a month homeward; forty sail came with him. They hear of no Turkish men-of-war now abroad, the four that were out for five weeks having returned without any purchase. Sir Wm. Jennens is still here. [Ibid. No. 69.]

Jan. 15. The King to the Duke of York. Directing him to order all captains of men-of-war to pay the customary salutes to the City of Genoa. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 64.]

Jan. 15. Capts. Sir Wm. Jennens and Robt. Werden to the Navy Commissioners. We gave a certificate to Capt. Stephen Akerman of Plymouth,

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for 100 "hammacoes" received for the better supply of the supernumeraries and caulkers on board, and also for a cable for the *Falcon* furnished by Wm. Jennens; but the wind being fair and expecting to sail, we did not give an account by letter. The wind being now out of the way, we thought it necessary to remind you of it and to desire payment for them, as also of a bill for 2*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.* disbursed by the purser of the *Falcon* in taking down and setting the furnaces, the ship being in danger of fire until it was done. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, *No.* 33.]

Jan. 10-16. Four news-letters. [The only intelligence not in the *Fleming* ditto. *Calendar*, p. 75, is:]

Jan. 13-16. This evening about nine and ten happened a sad accident, when

Jan. 13-17. Mr. Conquest of the Guard was suddenly killed in the street over against Suffolk House in the Strand by three Frenchmen, one whereof, named Du Val, is since taken and committed.

14th.—The trial of Mr. Lake and Mr. Wroth is put off till the next sessions, and they are likely to be bailed out till that time.

16th.—The term set by the French King for the Commissioners at Lille to adjust their disputes about the Dependencies [in Flanders] being almost expired, and little done therein, an interposition was made lately to the French King by the Mediators in the Triple Alliance for a prolongation of that term, which is likely to be granted; but the Dutch Ambassador, making his offer for a mediation with the rest of the Ambassadors, was told he might save himself the labour on that score, for that the French King was resolved to gratify the two Kings in it and not them. [12 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, *Nos.* 70-73.]

Jan. 16. King's letter to the Master and Fellows of Magdalene College, Cambridge, directing them to elect John Bilton, M.A., to the next vacant foundation fellowship, or any other of equal value (except that on Mr. Spendluff's foundation). [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, f. 65.]

Jan. 16. Reference to the Attorney-General of the petition of Thomas Vaughan, desiring liberty to keep common ovens in any place of the King's dominions. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, p. 142.]

Jan. 16. Commission to ——— Scudamore to be ensign to Capt. Francis Digby at Deal. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 35A, f. 21.]

Jan. 16. Commission to Francis Digby to be captain of the foot company in the Admiral's regiment, whereof Silas Titus was captain. [*Ibid.* f. 21.]

Jan. ^[16]/₂₆. Sir Thos. Clutterbuck to the Navy Commissioners. I send copy of letter of the 23rd, and hope the bills therein mentioned will be duly discharged. I have sent the victuallers the indents and a copy of my account for victualling the *Jersey* and other ships, and enclose some others for Sir Denis Gauden and Co., asking your Honours to receive what is due, so that I may have credit for the victuals issued on the new account. I forwarded the victuallers the account of 27 October. Though found correct, my bills lie unsatisfied. I hope Sir Denis and Co. will endeavour to prevent as

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many as they can from being noted and returned, as I must pay them, which is a great loss to me. I was necessitated to pay a bill so returned for 218*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* drawn on them last July, payable to Sigr. Giovanni Francesco Saminaty and Guido Maria Strozzi, by which I lost 10*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* I have now drawn another bill, including the latter sum, upon the Navy Treasurer, making together 229*l.* 1*s.* 2*d.*, payable to the same persons, which I hope you will pay and will note it to Sir Denis Gauden and Co., as they have sufficient credit for it, and occasioned all the damage by their non-compliance. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 34.]

Jan. 17.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Yesterday arrived Mr. Spar, master of the *Golden Pelican*, from Denia in Spain, who being bound for Malaga, for convoy with the Straits fleet, as he came about the Cape a small Algerine descried him and came up to him, and shot a few shot at him. Also he heaved at least a ton weight of hand stones into him. The wind being high, durst not board him, but gave him his stem (that is, ran the head of his ship to his broad-side), and did him much damage; but the wind favouring him, escaped. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 74.]

Jan. 17.
Minehead.

John Maurice to Williamson. The *Unity* of this port, with wool from "Corka" in Ireland, bound for this harbour, was on the 8th by foul weather forced on the rocks in Freshwater Bay near Milford, and staved all to pieces in a moment. All the men saved; some of the wool came ashore, but was immediately carried away by the country people, although the high sheriff endeavoured to preserve the goods for the right owners.

Postscript.—The *Blessing* of this port, arriving here from Ireland, was forced from here, lost cable and anchor in this road, and with much difficulty got in the next day. Some of the men going out in their boat to find their cable were forced into Wales in a storm. [*Ibid.* No. 75.]

Jan. 17.
Plymouth.

James Blackborne to James Hikes. I received a letter to-day signifying that not frequent writing was a crime. I must, when nothing presents I have omitted, and seldom in the news find anything from here. Last night was very tempestuous, so that a house near the sea was blown down, but no detriment done to the ships in harbour, though many. [*Ibid.* No. 76.]

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Dr. Edward Chamberlayne to Williamson. Mr. Martyn at my desire was at Whitehall with this book [*The State of England*], but not finding you, entreated me to send it you. He intends shortly to reprint this with the former part, and bind up both in one volume, for some of his customers, and to sell them apart to others. If you can spare any minutes to correct, alter, add or subtract what may be judged expedient, you will much oblige me. [*Ibid.* No. 77.]

Jan. 17.
London.

John Buckworth to Williamson. Having at your desire made inquiries on the Exchange for a fit person to go as Consul to Tripoli, I recommend the bearer, Charles Goldsmith, who, not many years since, was so well thought of by the Turkey Company, that he stood fair to have been sent their Consul for Aleppo, though he missed it by some few votes. [*Ibid.* No. 78.]

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Jan. 17. Warrant for a pardon to Richard Tailor, of London, for having sworn an untruth in his answer to a bill in Chancery. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 25, f. 189.*]
- Jan. 17. Grant to Edward Eckleston of the office of waiter in the port of London, on the surrender of Thomas Allen. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 4.*]
- Jan. 17.
Plymouth
Sound. Sir Wm. Jennens and Capt. Robt. Werden to the Navy Commissioners. Understanding that Mr. Lanyon had received orders to furnish the latter with some hammocks and a long-boat, we applied to him, and had procured a boat for 18*l.*, but the owner refused to give credit, and Lanyon would not engage himself, although much pressed, as he had nothing to do with the King's business, so that it was sold to a Virginia man for the same money; but another is being built which we hope to get credit for without Lanyon's help. We doubt not your Honours have received our bills for the cables and hammocks; we could find no one to give us credit but Wm. Jennens and Capt. Eggerman. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 35.*]
- Jan. 17.
Plymouth. John Lanyon to the Navy Commissioners. Excusing himself from not answering their letter, as he could not find either Sir Wm. Jennens or Capt. Werden, and stating that when he did and acquainted them of the contents, and that he was ready to procure the things ordered, they replied they had supplied themselves except with the long-boat, which the shipwright would not deliver without the money; that he offered to go with Capt. Werden to the shipwright and become answerable, and he promised to go, but since then the person that supplied the cable has undertaken for the boat, and as they have obtained the hammocks, there is no further occasion for him. [*Ibid. No. 36.*]
- Jan. 17. John Morehouse to the Navy Commissioners. Again replying to the complaint against him by the grand jury of Northampton. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 37.*]
- Jan. 18.
Deal. Richard Watts to Williamson. Last night arrived the *Return* from Madaras (Madras). Yesterday and to-day, in the storm, arrived about 12 sail from the Straits, the rest expected every hour. They saw very few pirates of Algiers. Notwithstanding the great fleet of about 150 sail, English and Dutch, in the Downs, no harm was done in the late great storms. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 79.*]
- Jan. $\frac{18}{28}$.
Paris. Clem. Cottrell to Williamson. I will not make any excuses for my long silence, since I cannot believe that my letters from Rome, &c., were anyway serviceable, you having had such good accounts from more capable persons from all places. I hope on my return to England in a few days you will furnish me with the means whereby I may testify the great sense I have of your favours. [*1 $\frac{1}{4}$ page. Ibid. No. 80.*]
- Jan. 18. Order [to the Treasury Commissioners?] to pay to Thos. Western of London, ironmonger, 1,321*l.* 16*s.* 1*d.*, with interest at 6 per cent., from 23 Nov. 1669, instead of the same sum, payable to him by assignment, in the name of John Downing, from the additional aid of 1,250,000*l.* With note from Sir Rob. Long to Sir George Downing,

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dated 25 Feb., requesting payment of 91*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.* as interest of the above. *Endorsed*, "Anne Downing, the wife of John Downing, is the creditor; she transferred the debt to Mr. Western, who now sues her. Edm. Johnson solicits the business." [*Ibid.* No. 81.]

[Jan. ?]

The doorkeepers of the House of Lords to the King. Petition stating that the petitioners until 1666 received from the Exchequer 100*l.* at the end of every session, but have not received it since, and praying an order to the Commissioners of the Treasury according as the Royal bounty shall be signified, both for their arrears and for the present session. Signed by eight persons. [*Ibid.* No. 82.]

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Reference thereof to the Commissioners of the Treasury, with that of Richard Wilson, messenger to the House of Lords. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, p. 143.]

[Jan. ?]

Ambrose Baynes of Radwinter, Essex, yeoman, to the King. Petition, stating that Patteson, an attorney, induced the petitioner to enter into a judgment for fees pretended to be due to him, and threw him into the Fleet, where he remained from June to November, 1667, when Patteson agreed to discharge him on condition of himself, his father and brother giving a bond for the debt and damages, which he executed, and Patteson sent it for execution by the others to Mead, an attorney in Cambridgeshire, who returned it as executed; that Patteson was indicted as a common barretor, and the petitioner was summoned and gave evidence against him, whereupon he was convicted, and out of revenge he then indicted the petitioner for forgery, alleging that the bond was not executed by the others, and the petitioner was convicted on Mead's evidence given to excuse himself, and praying for pardon. *At foot*,

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Reference thereof to the Attorney General, and his report in favour of the petitioner, his adversary though endeavoured to be summoned, not having appeared. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 83.]

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Another copy of the said reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, p. 143.]

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Reference to the Committee for the affairs of Ireland of the petition of Sir Robert Harpole of Shroule, in the Queen's County, for remittal of certain quit-rents charged on his paternal estate by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation. [*Ibid.* p. 143.]

Jan. 18.

King's letter to the Master and Fellows of Magdalene College, Cambridge, directing them to elect and admit Samuel Philips, a King's Fellow of the said college, to the first vacant foundation fellowship, or to one of equal value therewith. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, f. 161.]

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Kinsale.

Peter Bronsdon to the Navy Commissioners. According to your orders, I and Capt. Rooth have appraised the *Harp* and her furniture at 140*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*, which is her real worth, she being so much decayed, and her timbers and other things named being broken and rotten. I have seen some woods of Sir Frecheville Hollis, but the timber is very ancient and decayed, and very little of it fit for his Majesty's use. I am now going by direction of

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Mr. Southwell and Capt. Rooth to Killmar (Kenmare) River, and to some other woods in the way, and on my return will give an account, as also of some others belonging to Sir Frecheville Hollis, said to be much better. I should have been more forward in my journey, but that the winter is very wet, so that I can hardly pass, and am forced to wait for the falling of the waters or go a great way about. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 38.]

Jan. 18. T. Wilson to Thos. Hayter. As the *Triumph* is docked, asking
Chatham. for leave to come to London for a week. [*Ibid.* No. 39.]

Jan. 18. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I ask
Chatham. an order for some money to be imprested to Mr. Gregory for payment of the pressed men, fearing they will leave their work if they find none on Friday, as they had none last week, and only a part the week before, and they have no credit being strangers. The *Henry* is launched out of the single dock. I hope to dock the *Triumph* to-day. The *Leopard* and *Plymouth* are in the double dock, and their defects are much more than the survey expresses, so that they will be the longer in hand. I will see to the repairs of the six anchors as soon as I am able to go abroad, and send an account. [*Ibid.* No. 40.]

Jan. 18. The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. William Lord
Whitehall. Bellenden, late Deputy Treasurer for Scotland, has resigned his said office; but as he was nominated Privy Councillor in 1661, he is still to be continued as such, his said resignation notwithstanding. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 1, p. 62.]

Jan. 18. The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. Requiring them to
Whitehall. admit Sir Jas. Dalrymple of Stair, President of the College of Justice, as a Privy Councillor of Scotland. [*Ibid.* p. 63.]

Jan. 18. The King to the Commissioners of the Exchequer of Scotland.
Whitehall. Having appointed Sir Jas. Dalrymple of Stair as one of the said Commissioners, requiring his admission in the usual form. [*Ibid.* p. 64.]

Jan. 18. Writ of protection, for three years from that date, for John Halle-
Whitehall. day of Tillieboll, who is under divers processes of horning, caption, acts of warding, &c., for moneys owing, which he is willing and able to pay, if he had freedom for a competent time for settling his affairs. [*Ibid.* p. 65.]

Jan. 18. The King to William Duke of Hamilton, collector of taxations.
Whitehall. Hearing that the Bishop of Argyle has a very mean provision, and is at great charge in bringing his share of the taxation, the said taxation is as a mark of extraordinary favour to be brought in at the King's charge, and he is to be repaid what he has expended thereon. A like favour was granted to the Bishop of the Isles, but no other can pretend to the like hereafter. [*Ibid.* p. 66.]

Jan. 18. The King to the Treasury Commissioners of Scotland. Having
Whitehall. signed a grant, changing the estate of Jas. Haliburton of Pitcurr, from ward lands to taxed ward, desiring, as his father suffered much

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for loyalty, and had a garrison of the usurper's forces kept in his house at Pitcurr, that the composition to be put on the said grant should be gratis, and that the taxed ward duty, with the reliefs and marriage to be inserted in the blanks thereof, be according to the retoured duty of his ward lands, any instruction to the contrary notwithstanding. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 67.*]

Jan. 18.
Whitehall.

Warrant for Charles Maitland to be adjoined to his father in his office of Macer before the Lords of Session, and to execute the said office in his father's absence, or on his decease to be one of the ordinary macers. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 68.*]

Jan. 18.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a grant to Jas. Mowbray of the ward, non-entry, casualties, &c., of the lands of the late Andrew Arbuthnot of Fiddes, with the marriage of his eldest son, and in case of the latter's decease, of his next heir, male or female. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 69.*]

Jan. 18.
Whitehall.

Warrant to the Treasury Commissioners of Scotland to pay to Sir William Bruce of Balcaskie 400*l.* sterling, additional, in full satisfaction of his expense and labour in collecting and receiving, for the last two years, the cess imposed on the kingdom by the last Convention of Estates. [*Ibid. p. 70.*]

Jan. 18.
Whitehall.

Writ of protection, for three years, for Col. Wm. St. Clair, from all processes of horning, &c., to give him competent time to settle his affairs and pay his creditors. [*Ibid. p. 71.*]

Jan. 18.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a patent conferring on ——— Hope of Kerse and his heirs male the dignity of a baronet of Scotland. [*Ibid. p. 72.*]

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Order in Council, on the petition of Colonel Richard Talbot, on behalf of his Majesty's most distressed subjects of Ireland, who were outed of their estates by the late usurped governments and are not yet restored, praying for the appointment of impartial persons to hear their grievances and to report the true state of their present condition, and in the interim for stopping the granting of any undisposed of lands in Ireland, appointing the Lord Keeper, the Dukes of Buckingham and Ormonde, the Marquis of Dorchester, the Lord Great Chamberlain, the Lord Chamberlain, the Earls of Bridgewater and Lauderdale, Lords Arlington and Ashley, Mr. Treasurer, Secretary Trevor, and Sir John Duncombe, a Committee of the Board, to meet first on Saturday the 21st, in order to consider the said petition and its contents and to report to his Majesty, and further ordering the said Colonel Talbot to attend them with a list of the persons he appears for, and to make proposals for their relief. [*Nearly 3 pages. S. P. Ireland, Car. II. 346, p. 6.*]

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Dr. John Fell to Williamson. Upon the receipt of your French paper, I immediately went to the library, and found several of the tracts your friend desired. After several days, hearing nothing from any Queen's College man, who, you told me, would be ready to transcribe, I spoke to Mr. Haughton, supposing he was the person you would employ in providing scribes, but he had heard nothing from you. He promises his assistance, and shall not fail of mine,

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to look over what is done, for I suppose young men's work, who are not used to ancient hands, and the abbreviations, which vary according to several ages when they were written, will require some supervising. I have spoke with Dr. Ellys, who has not yet received any advertisement from his brother. If you could spare him till he has done his exercises and has taken his degrees, it would be desirable for him. Having been absent beyond the limited times, and not taken the Bachelor's degree, he must be dispensed with for all irregularities by a letter, which, if sp[eedily] sent, he may very quickly after be entirely at your service. But pray do not assist the Oxford undergraduate and Cambridge Master of Arts in his unreasonable pretensions, which will ruin all discipline among us. The days begin to grow towards a competent length, and if the draft were sent down foundations might be begun.

Postscript.—Ellis has very good parts, but whether his radicated melancholy may render him unfit for business, or whether business may not happily cure his melancholy, it is not easy to pronounce. The trial will not be inconvenient in any great degree either to yourself or to him, because of the possibility that he may be more fit for contemplation than action, and I suppose it may be best that he do not slip the opportunity of being made M.A. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 84.]

Jan. 19. John Man to Williamson. Last week the *Pearl* of Plymouth, Swansea. bound here in ballast to load coal, ran ashore in this river, and was beat in pieces, but the men saved. The like fate has befallen several vessels near Milford. Last Monday, at night, was the most violent storm known since the "horricane," about nine years ago. [*Ibid.* No. 85.]

Jan. 19. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The five English East Indiamen Falmouth. and the four Dutch merchantmen, bound for the same place, are still in port, ready to put to sea the first fair wind. The ships that were here, bound for the Straits, are gone for Plymouth, for the convoy there. [*Ibid.* No. 86.]

Jan. 19. The same to James Hickes. To the same purport as the last. Falmouth. [*Ibid.* No. 87.]

Jan. 19. John Powell to James Hickes. The harbour at present affords Milford. nothing worth notice. [*Ibid.* No. 88.]

Jan. 19. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Tuesday last the *White Unicorn* Portsmouth. of Amsterdam, laden with hides and tobacco from the West Indies, damaged in a storm, put in for repairs. She reports that the French greatly domineer there with their men-of-war, two of which are sunk, being eaten with the worms. [*Ibid.* No. 89.]

[Jan. 19 ?] "The case of the creditors of the Grocers' Company, presented to the consideration of the knights, citizens, and burgesses in Parliament assembled." In support of the Bill introduced on 19 January, proceedings on which were pending till March 15. [*See Commons' Journals IX.*, 191, 220. *Printed paper*, 2 copies. *Ibid.* Nos. 90, 91.]

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Jan. 19. Warrant for a grant to John Ford of a market every Tuesday at Ashburton, in Devon, for selling wool and yarn. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 25, f. 188.*]

Jan. 19. King's letter to the University of Cambridge, directing them to make Henry Banks, one of the King's chaplains, Doctor of Divinity. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 163.*]

Jan. 19.
Deptford.

Thos. Turner, storekeeper, to the Navy Commissioners. As to the complaint of Mr. Morehouse, the purveyor for Whittlewood Forest, that he cannot clear his imprest for want of my certificates for the timber brought into the stores, although he has often demanded them, I have not seen Morehouse at Deptford or heard from him since he passed his account last May, but have given Christopher Andrews, the bargeman, a certificate for each freight he brought in. By these certificates Morehouse paid Andrews for his water carriage, and by them he passed his own accounts for purveyance, so that it is not safe for me to give double certificates, lest your Honours should be misguided and his Majesty have to pay double purveyance for conversion of his timber. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 41.*] *Annexed,*

Account by Thos. Turner of the nature and quantity of timber and plank contained in two freights brought from Whittlewood Forest by Mr. Morehouse and received into the stores at Deptford between 29 Oct. and 15 Nov. 1670, being 62 loads and 23 feet, with a suggestion whether Morehouse has not had two receipts given for them by Turner to Andrews, the bargeman. [Ibid. No. 42.]

Jan. 19.
Deal.

B. St. Michel to Sam. Pepys. Recommending the bearer, Thos. Brothers, a pilot of Deal and a good coaster, for a master's place in one of the King's ships to be fitted out next spring, he having served as such and as assistant to Capt. Fogg, master of the *Royal Charles*, and being accounted in Deal the most able and fit to take charge next to Capt. Scott. [*Ibid. No. 43.*]

Jan. 19.
Whitehall.

M. Wren to the Navy Commissioners. Desiring them on behalf of his Royal Highness to attend him to-morrow early, that he may despatch them before he goes to the Parliament, and asking them to hasten away the victuals to the *Foresight* and to give all despatch to the *Milford* and *Adventure*. [*Ibid. No. 44.*]

Jan. 19.

Warrant to pay to Major Andros a sum for clothing. [*Calendared in S.P. Col. America, &c., 1669-74, p. 157. Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 5.*]

Jan. 19.

Like warrant to pay to Sir Denis Gauden 200,000*l.* on account for the charge of sea victuals and other extraordinaries for 25,000 men in the fleets the ensuing year for eight months. [*Ibid. No. 6.*]

Jan. 20.
Whitehall.

The King to the Corporation of Shrewsbury. Recommending Serjeant Samuel Baldwin for the Recordership of that borough, vacant by the death of Sir Timothy Tournier, the approbation of the Recorder on any vacancy being reserved to the King. [*Two*

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copies. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 92, and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 65.]

Jan. 20.
Treasury
Chambers.

Sir George Downing to Williamson. On behalf of the Commissioners of the Treasury, desiring him to have the enclosed advertisement put in the *Gazette*. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 93.*]

Jan. 20.

Order in Council, on the petition of Nicholas Cholwell, commander of the *Sommer Islands*, merchantman—stating that in May last he and the ship were engaged in his Majesty's service to carry provisions and stores to Sir Thomas Allen to Port Mahon; that, having met with seven Turks men-of-war, she with two of his Majesty's ships and another merchant ship maintained a fight with them for two days together, and thereby sustained great damage to the hull, rigging, and sails, and spent powder and shot to the value of 400*l.*, and afterwards safely discharged the said provisions and stores at Port Mahon; and praying his Majesty to make her a free English ship, she being two-thirds English built and belonging only to English owners for above sixteen years past—that Lord Arlington prepare a warrant granting the prayer. [*1¼ page. Ibid. No. 94.*]

Jan. 20.

King's letter to the President and Fellows of Magdalene College, Oxford, directing them to elect and admit Peter Bennett, a demy, to the fellowship vacant by the death of Dr. Pelham. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 162.*]

Jan. 20.

The King to the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury. Recommending Richard Hill, one of the prebendaries of that cathedral, on account of the satisfaction the King and the Duke of York had anciently in his service near their persons, for the first vacant residentiary's place. Two entries, the second dated the 22nd. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 12.*]

Jan. 20.

Warrant for John Sabine of Eyne, in Bedfordshire, to be a Baronet. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 70.*]

Docquet thereof. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 51.*]

Jan. 20.
Dragon,
Cadiz.

Tubal Cain Porter, purser, to the Navy Commissioners. Asking for a supply of beer, as upon victualling the ship in London, there not being room to stow all the beer, he was forced to take a bill of Sir Denis Gauden upon John Mathews and Co., of Cadiz, for 348 pieces of eight, which they will not accept, and as he has not wherewithal of his own to obtain a supply, they will be very soon in want. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 45.*] *Enclosed,*

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The said bill of exchange, drawn to enable Porter to provide beverage wine in lieu of beer for the said ship.

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Cadiz.

Notification by John Mathews and Co. that they refuse to accept the above bill, having no effects of the drawer, and having had advice from John Gardner, of London, of his bad compliance in the payment of their bill for victualling the Holmes frigate by his order. [Copies. Ibid. No. 46.]

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Jan. 20.
Kinsale Fort.

Capt. Rich. Rooth to the Navy Commissioners. Thanking them for their letter by Mr. Brunsdon, taking notice of his endeavours to recover a boom driven to sea which still remains unregarded; stating that he has advised Mr. Brunsdon as to the most convenient places in those parts for obtaining timber for his Majesty's use, and has also recommended him to some persons having woods twenty or thirty miles off, where he presumes he has gone to view; and sending their valuation of the *Harp* frigate and her furniture. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 47.] *Enclosed,*

The said valuation. [Ibid. No. 48.]

Jan. 20.
Woolwich
Ropeyard.

W. B[odham] to Thos. Hayter. Asking him to acquaint their superiors, and also Mr. Hutchinson, that they were on their way to London to receive the hemp, but were put back by the rain, and that if he had sent it down unweighed they would not have wronged him of an ounce, and never did any merchant, although they have trusted them in a like nature. There must be a close lighter to secure it, which will be sent on Monday, so as to save the demurrage on Sunday, subject to his directions by the bearer. If the hemp is weighed in London it will have to be weighed again here, as lightermen are not to be trusted, so that it will be an unnecessary charge and trouble, and no saving to the merchant. [1½ page. Ibid. No. 49.]

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Leghorn.

Sir Thos. Clutterbuck to the Navy Commissioners. I send copy of my letter of the 26th, and ask that whatever bills I have passed or may pass upon the Treasurer of the Navy upon account of victualling may be discharged, and that you will prevail with Sir Denis Gauden and Co. to do the same with those lying unsatisfied which have not been returned to me for non-payment, some of which I have recharged upon them and been obliged to make good the loss occasioned by the exchange and other damages; but whatever may now come I shall draw upon your Honours; I presume no one has ever met with such hard measure. Capt. Bowen, convoy to the herring fleet, has arrived, and is ordered to Zante, to take all the merchant ships there under his convoy, and then proceed to England, but he will touch at Leghorn for three months' victuals, which are being got ready. I have all things ready for the *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, and such other ships as I presume will be in want of them, and as all things are purchased with the ready penny, I beg I may receive all just encouragement by a closing up of my old account. I enclose a letter from Mr. Gibson which will give you an account of the proceedings of our fleet, and of Sir Edw. Spragg's success in taking an Algiers man-of-war and a brigantine. [2 pages. Ibid. No. 50.] *Enclosed,*

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*Sir Thos. Clutterbuck to Sir Denis Gauden and Co. Com-
plaining of their non-acceptance and non-payment of bills
drawn by him upon them, and enclosing copy of his new
account.* [Ibid. No. 51.]

Jan. 20.

Order in Council, on the two petitions presented on the 18th instant and on that day by Col. Richard Talbot, on behalf of the

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Irish outed from their estates by the late usurped governments, that Lord Arlington take care that no grant for any undisposed of lands in Ireland be passed till the King has finally decided on this and the previous petition. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 346, No. 7.*]

Jan. 21.
Weymouth.

John Pocock to James Hickes. On the 18th arrived the *Rose* from Malaga, whence she came with forty merchantmen on 16 December. They had for convoy Captain Beach and two other frigates as far as the Southern Cape. The Turks have two squadrons of men-of-war abroad, but they heard not of any vessels lately taken by them, except one small Newfoundlandman. Seven sail of Dutch and Hamburgers have been in Portland Roads a fortnight, waiting a fair wind. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 95.*]

Jan. 21.
Lowicke.

Dr. John Ambrose to Williamson. High and mighty Mr. Joseph,—You may be pleased to remember the dialogue between Sir Edward Nicholas and myself, occasioned by your goodness, or I could not have spoken with him. Then I was a petitioner to him upon my own score, but got the dog to dandle, though I trayled a pike and lay purdieu (*sic*), as did the Duke of Albemarle, and ventured life and limb so long as the late King had any visible force. Now I am a petitioner to yourself, in the behalf of my nephew Hugh Askewe, a junior Bachelor of St. John's in Cambridge. He is more capable than any of a Foundress Fellowship, Cumberland having not had any these thirty years, though capable of two. I know no mandate can be granted without your knowledge; I humbly therefore beg of you the college may have a free election, and I hope the young man is qualified for manners and learning, or I should not speak in his behalf. [*Ibid. No. 96.*]

Jan. 21.
Minehead.

John Maurice to Williamson. The 17th, at dusk, the *Agreement* of London, from Bermudoes, with oranges and potatoes, went ashore in a storm to the eastward of our quay. She bulged very much, and lost all the oranges and potatoes loose in the hold, and some that were chested, though the best of the town watched all night to preserve the owners' goods. The vessel was canted and sold yesterday. [*Ibid. No. 97.*]

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Milford.

John Powell to James Hickes. This harbour at present affords no news. [*Ibid. No. 98.*]

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Roger L'Estrange to ——— Richards. I cannot tell what papers my lord meant me to deliver you, unless those of my accounts. I delivered the bill of my extraordinaries to his lordship's own hand; and therefore, I suppose, direction was given to Mr. Babington to pay me 40*l*. His lordship's particular account for six months to the 15th instant was 50*l*. I request you to mind my lord of his promise of notifying his Majesty's pleasure to the Lords Commissioners concerning the sole printing of papers with blanks, in order to the passing of a grant before the rising of this session, otherwise I may find some difficulty about the papers to be printed on the collection of the new supplies. For better satisfaction of any scruple in case of exaction, it were well if the

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price were limited by the ream, so as not to exceed the ordinary rate of the King's printers. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 99.]

Jan. 16-21. News-letter. [The only intelligence not in other news-letters or the *Fleming Calendar*, p. 75, is:]

The House of Lords have taken into consideration the Duke of Ormonde's assault by a Committee of the whole House, who have spent some time, and will shortly take some course for remedying the like for the future. Her Royal Highness still continues so indisposed as not to quit her chamber, and the Duke of Cambridge is said to be not well. [4 pages. *Ibid.* No. 100.]

Jan. 21. Capt. John Willgress of the *Welcome* to the Navy Commissioners. Asking for a bill for 20*l.* disbursed in manning the ship with 130 men and refitting her, having had the command since 3 Oct., the date of his commission, after which she was taken from Deptford into the Hope, where she remained some time, but proving leaky was ordered back to Woolwich to be docked. [*S.P. Dom. Car. II.* 296, No. 52.]

Jan. 21. Writ of protection, for three years from this date, to And. Stewen, Whitehall. merchant, of Edinburgh, from all processes of horning, &c., for debts owing by reason of his great losses at sea, that he may have competent time to settle his affairs and pay his debts. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 1, p. 73.]

Jan. 21. Warrant for presentation of And. Bruce, minister at Kilrenny, to Whitehall. the second master's place in the new college of the University of St. Andrews, and commanding the Archbishop of St. Andrews to take his oaths of supremacy and obedience to ecclesiastical law. [*Ibid.* p. 74.]

Jan. 21. The King to the Treasury Commissioners of Scotland. Whereas Whitehall. the late Adam Keltie, clerk of that Exchequer, and of the King's house and Greencloth there, did good service in both offices and had sundry fees owing to him at his Majesty's last departure from that kingdom, they are to pay the same to David Watson, writer to the signet, and to his wife Isobel Keltie, only child of the late Adam. [*Ibid.* p. 75.]

Jan. 21. The King to the Treasury Commissioners of Scotland. Having con- Whitehall. sulted some of them several years ago about the purchase of the Bass [Rock], as he has now agreed to give Sir And. Ramsey, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, 4,000*l.* sterling for it, desiring them, with the Advocate, to take care that the security be good, and then to pay the 4,000*l.*; also to appoint some trusty person to view the buildings, and to report what ordnance is required to be placed thereon, what repairs are needful, what the charge will be, and also how it may be safely kept, at the easiest charge. [*Ibid.* p. 76.]

Jan. 21. Ph[elim] O'Neill to Viscount Conway. Enclosing bills for 600*l.* Dublin. sterling, for which he has paid 30*l.* exchange, which is mighty high, and requesting an acknowledgment thereof, and desiring him to put in a good word for him with Lord Orrery, that he may continue his agency for Moses Hill's troop, which Lord O'Brien, Lord Orrery's

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son-in-law, has got. To-day Mr. Edward and Mr. John Rawdon came here on their journey to school at Kilkenny. [*Conway papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 346, No. 8.*]

Jan. 22. Lord Arlington to the Attorney-General. Forwarding the enclosed papers presented yesterday at a Committee of the Board appointed for this matter by Col. Talbot, as agent for the Irish Roman Catholics, for his perusal and consideration, and desiring him to attend the next meeting of that Committee prepared to give an account of the two Acts in this point, and such further assistance as may be necessary. [*Copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 101.*]

Jan. 22. Sir Wm. Morton, Justice of the King's Bench, to Williamson. The Serjeants' Inn. person you inquire after, named Washwhite, with two others, came before me and made the oaths mentioned in the paper enclosed against Sebastian Jones, and desired my warrant for his apprehension, and I, finding they had been Irishmen, easily granted it, hoping to discover from some of those parties something of the enterprise acted on his Grace. I examined Jones, but finding the accusation of Washwhite and the rest was bottomed rather on malice than just grounds, I bailed him. I asked Washwhite whether he, when in Ireland, knew Moore or Blood, and, as I remember, he told me he had heard of such men, but did not know them, but would inquire after them. I told him, if he would find them out in town and bring me word of them, I would gratify him for his pains; he said he would endeavour it. I employed Sebastian Jones on the discovery of Moore and Blood, who knew them in Ireland, who told me he knew some acquaintances of theirs here, and since has told me that Blood lives in Lancashire, but he cannot yet hear of Moore. He gives me some hope of discovering something of the Duke of Ormonde's business, and is to give me an account in two days. [*Ibid. No. 102.*] *Enclosed,*

Jan. 11. *Information of John Washwhite, of St Clement Danes, cook. A little before the Restoration, Sebastian Jones was condemned to be hanged in Ireland for coining, and afterwards was condemned in Ireland with eight others who were executed for burglary and robbing the Earl of Meades [? Meath] and Alderman Penington in Dublin of plate to the value of 1,500l., but he procured a pardon for transportation, and, being bailed, fled to England.*

Information of Edm. Hutchins and John Scott, of Piccadilly, cordwainers. On Monday last they heard one Sharpe, living in Soho, confess that the said Sebastian Jones offered him 50l. if he would go to Ireland and fetch the said plate, which was hidden underground. [Ibid. No. 102i.]

Jan. 22. James Blackburne to James Hickes. Sir Wm. Jennens and the Plymouth. whole fleet are still here. A small ketch from Jamaica, arrived yesterday, tells of the flourishing condition of that island. [*Ibid. No. 103.*]

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Jan. 22. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. We have had much foul weather these eight or ten days, and several shipwrecks in these parts ; among them three Dutch ships have been lost on the Isle of Wight. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 104.]
- Jan. 22. Plymouth Sound. Sir Wm. Jennens to the Navy Commissioners. I have already given your Honours an account of the *Falcon* wanting a cable, long-boat, and hammocks, as also of 50 of the latter for the *Princess*, all of which I have procured and given bills upon you for payment. I received but two months' provisions for the supernumeraries, and, the best part of it being expended, I asked the victuallers attending the fleet to take the men, but they refused without your Honours' order, as they would break their charter party. My stay here has been longer than I expected, and I see no more hopes of a change than when I first came ; so fear the victuals will fall short enough for my own men. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 53.]
- Jan. 22. Whitehall. Warrant to the Lord Lieutenant and Vice-Treasurer for payment to Joseph Deane, Deputy Postmaster-General of Ireland, of 400*l.* out of the first arrears of the hearth-money, before the same was granted to the present farmers, that shall be paid into the Exchequer, in consideration of the expense of 1,500*l.* incurred by him in building two packet-boats and buying a third, one of which, on 29 Nov. last, on the voyage from Holyhead to Dublin, was cast away near Arklow, and most of the seamen, besides passengers, lost. [S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 7, p. 432.]
- [Jan. ?] George Chare, senior B.A. in Trinity College, Cambridge, to the King. Petition stating that he was six years ago elected a Westminster scholar, and had since taken his degree and become capable of being a Fellow, but so many supernumeraries were chosen at the last election that there was no fellowship vacant for which he might sit, and being obliged before the next election to proceed to the degree of M.A., he would thereby become disqualified for a fellowship, and praying therefore a mandamus to the Master and Seniors to elect and admit him according to his seniority. *On the back.*
- Jan. 23. *The Earl of Manchester to Lord Arlington. Expressing his consent to the within-prayed mandamus, if his Majesty shall so please.* [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 105.]
- Jan. 23. Chester. Ma[tthew] Anderton to Charles Perrott. The weather of late has been very tempestuous. Yesterday the *Morning Star* of Plymouth, laden with cheese and bound for London, sank in this river. It is hoped the cheese, or most of it, will be saved. Lord Fitzharding went hence this morning towards London. Lord Mount Alexander and divers officers and gentlemen have long lain here, waiting for an easterly wind to carry them for Ireland. [*Ibid.* No. 106.]
- Jan. 17-23. News-letter. [The only intelligence not contained in other news-letters and in the *Fleming Calendar*, p. 75, is :]
20th.—Yesterday-night was apprehended another person suspected to be concerned in the assault on the Duke of Ormonde, and was immediately brought to be examined before Lord Arlington, by

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whom he was committed to custody. The Lords have at last consented to the Bill concerning Sir John Coventry, with very few alterations, of which the principal are said to be striking out the clause relating to imprisonment for wounding any Member of Parliament, and making it felony without clergy assaulting or maiming any person, and making the day for their coming in, which was 16 Feb., to be twenty-five days after the passing of the Bill.

21st.—In order to the setting out his Majesty's fleet next spring, and an encouragement to the seamen, a considerable sum was yesterday sent down to Portsmouth for paying seamen and other naval expenses. The Emperor having some time since desired by his letters to his Majesty to come into the Triple Alliance, his Majesty has answered that he is willing to receive him into it, and it is likely it will be done in the very same form with the warranty already given to Spain at their desire. [3 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 107.]

Jan. 23. Warrant for the denization of Moses Pereyra. [*Calendared in S.P. Col., America, &c.*, 1669–74, p. 154. *S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, f. 190.]

Jan. 23. Wm. Castell to the Navy Commissioners. Giving particulars of work necessary to be done to the *Crown* frigate over and above that mentioned in the contract, which he estimates at 232*l.* [1¾ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 54.]

Jan. 23. John Shish to Col. Thos. Middleton. We have stripped the *Ruby* down to the channelwale on both sides. The top timbers are shot in pieces, and so torn that she must be stripped one or two strakes below the lower wale and the whole tier of top timbers shifted, when she will be serviceable for fifteen or twenty years. If we are to carry on the works of both ships, and a hundred more shipwrights are not pressed into the yard, they will not be finished this summer; but if men and materials are furnished, I doubt not but to complete the works of both by the first spring [tide] in May; 500 loads of compass and straight timber, besides 20 loads of knees and breast hooks, and also 150 loads of plank of all sorts, will be required. I have disbursed 55*l.* of my own money in pressing men for Portsmouth, Chatham, and Deptford. I ask that the Treasury be acquainted with it, so that I may have my money this week, and also for a warrant for pressing as many shipwrights and caulkers as shall be sufficient. [*Ibid.* No. 55.] *Enclosed,*

*Estimates by John Shish of the repairs required to be done to the Ruby and Bristol, amounting to 2,170*l.* and 2,388*l.* respectively. [2 pages each. Ibid. Nos. 56, 57.]*

Jan. 23. Edw. Gregory and T. Wilson to the Navy Commissioners. We send Mr. Harrington's bill for Prussia deals and plank delivered. We cannot remember why his ship was detained from 11 November to 5 December, when she arrived 24 October, but are sure no unnecessary delay was given in the unloading, and refer to Commissioner Cox for a more particular account. [*Ibid.* No. 58.]

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Jan. 23. Edw. Gregory to the Navy Commissioners. I received a bill of im-
Chatham. prest for 200*l.* upon account of board wages from Commissioner Cox, who acquainted me that you expected me to procure the money for it, which I am unable to do, and have no other way than committing it to the charge of my messenger, a common labourer in the yard, which you have before thought was a hazard. Upon receipt of the bill, I wrote to the paymaster to transmit the money, but fearing he may not perform, and knowing the great want there will be of 180*l.* for the men on Friday, I have signed the bill and sent it up by the bearer. I desire to be exempted from any risk, and hope it will be judged most reasonable for the King to abide the hazard where his service requires the transportation of his cash from one place to another. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 59.*]
- Jan. 23. Jonas Shish, Capt. John Tinker, and J. Uthwat to the Navy
Deptford. Commissioners. We have surveyed and appraised the *Black Dog* hoy, and her apparel and other effects mentioned, at 98*l.*; the *Adam and Eve* hoy, at 85*l.* 8*s.*; the *Hope* galliot, at 70*l.* 13*s.*; the *Harwich* hoy, at 93*l.* 6*s.* 9*d.*, and the *Harwich* muster boat, at 46*l.* 17*s.* [2 pages. *Ibid. No. 60.*]
- Jan. 23. Thos. Pointer to Thos. Hayter. Asking him to look out all the papers sent by Phineas Pett to the Navy Board for the purpose of a fuller examination of his account for the Scottish affair, as also for the charter parties and papers relating to the *Unity*, the *Arthur Bradley*, and the *Michael*. With a note of their delivery. [*Ibid. No. 61.*]
- Jan. 23. Robert Mayor to the Navy Commissioners. Asking for a warrant directed to Deptford for receiving 70 loads of elm timber from John Thomas. [*Ibid. No. 62.*]
- Jan. 23. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. As to the defects of the *Leopard* and *Plymouth*, the shipwright has had orders ever since 31 December to get them despatched with all speed. I have delivered the imprest bill for 200*l.* to Mr. Gregory for payment of board wages to the pressed men, and as it is a weekly charge of above 50*l.*, and nearly 200*l.* will be due on Friday, I ask your Honours to supply the clerk of the cheque with a greater sum, also to direct the Treasurer to cash the bills and send down the money, as Gregory scruples sending for it, or to be at the hazard of bringing it, and you also judged it was not fit that he should be. I will take care to supply the stores with things named, as cheaply as possible. The horse boat arrived yesterday. [*Ibid. No. 63.*]
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- Jan. 5. *Contract by Mark Edwards, of Chatham, tallow chandler, with Commissioner John Cox, to deliver into the stores there 100 dozen of tallow candles, to be of 12 and 13 lbs. to the dozen, made of good tallow, at 4*s.* 10*d.* per doz., to be paid for on producing his bill. [Ibid. No. 64.]*
- Jan. 23. John Maddocks to the Navy Commissioners. Thanking them for
Framlingham. their promise of payment for timber served according to contract;

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stating that if the delay in unloading the vessels at Chatham is not removed he shall suffer greatly by paying demurrage, and find it difficult to get any vessel to go thither; hoping the other two freights of plank have arrived, which will, with about four loads, complete the 200 loads to be delivered upon his last contract, and accepting their proposition on his tender of 500 loads more, upon their assurance that none who deliver in goods after him shall be paid before him; having written to his brother, Robert, to sign a contract in their book which he obliges himself to make good, in hope that if money comes in, they will grant him a bill of imprest for 300*l.*, which will enable him to despatch it more speedily into the stores. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 65.]

Jan. 23.
Chatham
Dock.

Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I find by daily experience that the docks and ships are much prejudiced, and a great charge and loss of time occasioned, by the vast weight of ballast, guns, and other things in the holds of ships brought into the docks, and that his Majesty is often put to much expense in employing workmen to lighten them in dock, whereby spring tides are often lost, and other difficulties experienced in docking the ships upon blocks. If the growing evil is not speedily prevented, it will ruin the docks and ships, by breaking the ground-ways, the late repair of which has been such a vast charge to his Majesty. [*Ibid.* No. 66.]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Whereas by letters of 24 June last we signified that whereas we were informed that the inheritance of the town and lands of Lissallow, Glanella, Taberhay, Killumney, Ballyloghbally, Rahfuodagh, and Knockeghan, all in the barony of Ballintabber, co. Roscommon, was in our power to dispose of, and in case it be found that we had any estate or interest in the said lands or any part of them, you should forthwith cause effectual letters patent to be passed under our great seal of Ireland, containing a grant in due form to Father Patrick McGinn, almoner to the Queen, in fee simple under such rents and services as in our said letters are set forth; and whereas our Attorney and Solicitor General there reported that they found that the aforesaid several lands were assigned to Dudley Colclough of Moyart, co. Wexford, as a person transplanted, in lieu of his estate in the said county, and that Patrick Colclough, son and heir of the said Dudley, was by decree of our late Commissioners of our Court of Claims, dated 11 August 1663, immediately after the death of his said father restored to his former estate in the said co. Wexford, and that by a clause contained in our gracious declaration for the settlement of our said kingdom it is provided that where any person transplanted into Connaught and Clare be restored to his former estate the lands in Connaught and Clare be restored to us to reprice others, which our said Attorney and Solicitor conceive to be the ground of our title to the said premises; and whereas the said Dudley Colclough is lately dead, after whose death the said Patrick Colclough is by the said decree entitled to his said lands in co. Wexford, and therefore cannot pretend any right to the said lands which were set out in satisfaction for the said lands of Wexford as aforesaid; and

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whereas the said Patrick McGinn has assigned all his right and pretence to our said intended grant to Francis Lord Aungier, Vice-Treasurer and Treasurer at War of Ireland: We, being graciously pleased to transfer to the said Lord Aungier all the benefit of our said intended grant so far as the same may be effected without disappointment of those general ends proposed by us in our gracious declaration, and the Acts of Settlement whereby such lands as we are entitled to by the said Acts are to be disposed of towards the satisfaction and reprizal of deficient adventurers and soldiers and other the uses therein expressed, do hereby signify that you forthwith cause the said lands and all and singular the premises to be granted by letters patent under our great seal of Ireland to the said Francis Lord Aungier in fee simple, he by himself or his agents first placing upon the said lands and assigning over to us such and so many good deficiencies of adventurers and soldiers or either of them as are satisfiable by the said Acts of Settlement and Explanation, and yet remain unsatisfied as the said lands according to the rules prescribed by the said Acts will be sufficient to satisfy. And whereas we are also informed that by the death of Arte Geoghegan, of Castletown, co. Westmeath, the inheritance of the town and lands of Bunonen, Aylebracke, two parcels of bog, Ballylope, Islandmeagh, Urrishe, Doulaghan, Incheurra, Islandugge, Knocknargie, Dowhiman, Inish Luce, and Inishnan, with Three Rocks, an island near it, Ballyloamy, Island Kenall and Island Emell, Ballymackanoola, Ballylearbegg and Emlaghmore, Currascane *alias* Ursesque, Dowhynan, Mungagh, and Ardagh, and parts of Ardbeara and Murvoy, all in the parishes of Baldoony and Moyrush, in the Barony of Ballynelymeeke, co. Galway, is now in our power to dispose of: Our will and pleasure is, that, the said Lord Aungier or his sufficient agents first performing the like conditions with regard to the last-named lands as were required concerning the formerly mentioned lands, you forthwith cause the said last-mentioned lands and all and singular the premises to be granted by letters patent under our great seal of Ireland to the said Francis Lord Aungier in fee simple, to hold all and singular the said lands and premises from us as of our Castle of Dublin in free and common socage, under such rents as are payable by adventurers and soldiers or transplanted persons for lands in the said province. [*Draft. 8 pages. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 346, No. 9, and S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 7, p. 433.*]

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Whitehall.

Warrant to the Lord Lieutenant to issue his warrant to the Vice-Treasurer to pay, out of any money in or that shall come to his hands, the year's value charged on the lands set out by the late Commissioners of Claims for the repair of Duncannon Fort, the profits thereof having been swallowed up in repairs of the fort and getting the said lands settled, and the sheriff of Wexford now endeavouring to levy the said year's value by distraint. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 7, p. 433.*]

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Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 108.*]

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Jan. 24. Wm. Wakeman to James Hickee. Yesterday arrived the *Ex-Barnstaple*. *change* from Lisbon laden with sugar, and another small vessel from Cadiz. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 109.*]

Jan. 23-24. News-letter. [The only intelligence not in the *Fleming Calendar*, p. 75, is :]

23rd.—On Saturday night last was a Committee of the Council upon the business of the Irish Papists' address for restitution to their lands in Ireland, when Col. Talbot appeared as their agent. He and several of those gentlemen were heard, but the matter was adjourned.

24th.—Last night their Majesties were pleased to honour the French Ambassador with their companies at York House, at an entertainment, where was great dancing, and several principal persons about the town in masquerade. His Majesty, having had notice from Tripoli that in the absence of the English Consul that government had entertained great jealousies that we were wavering in our friendship with them, but that the Basha there had been extremely zealous to keep them right to us, is sending a new Consul there in a few weeks. The hearing of the complaints of the Irish Roman Catholics is referred to Saturday next. This morning, Washwhite, suspected as concerned in the Duke of Ormonde's assault, was brought to his examination at the bar in the Lords' House, where he would declare nothing. The evidence only against him is that he should formerly speak intimating that the Duke should not die in his bed ; but nothing further appearing, he was only remanded to prison. [3 pages. *Ibid.* No. 110.]

Jan. 24. John Snell to Sir Thos. Lynch. I have searched at the Petty Bag, the offices of the Six Clerks in Chancery, and at the Crown Office, and cannot find the least footstep of any commission to Sir Thos. Moddyford ; no, not so much as a docquet, which makes me conjecture it came from the secretaries signed by his Majesty, and by warrant immediately passed under the great seal. In such case there is nothing remaining with any officer in Chancery, save only the warrant, which remains with the seal bearer, who was then one Mr. Kipps, and is not now in London. The reason of my conjecture is because the revocation of his commission, which came to me the last week, passed thus, and I have the warrant by me now, and I am sure three or four years hence, if I should not be seal bearer, there might be as much uncertainty where to find this as the other. [*Ibid.* No. 111.]

Jan. 24. John Carlile to Williamson. I have not received a line from you since Will. Cooke came here with my lord's two horses. I would write oftener, but this winter has produced little or nothing but storms and bad weather. To-day arrived my Lord *alias* Sir George Hamilton from Calais ; the winds are so strong from the southward and S.W. that our Flanders mails cannot possibly come over. There is three there at present. I question not but that you have the news of an Ambassador from Paris going to the Emperor about a marriage to be made between Monsieur and the Emperor's daughter. This is told me by one that came over this packet. [*Ibid.* No. 112.]

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Warrant for a licence to George Browning to construct a head or bank of timber and stone on the east side of the Ex, provided it be as high as, or higher than, the weir called Dove's Weir, in that river. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 25, f. 189.]

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Reference to the Commissioners of the Treasury of the petition of Percy Church, desiring a lease of parcel of Holmer Grange recovered at his own expense. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33, p. 144.]

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Draft of the said reference. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 113.]

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Foresight,
Downs.

Capt. John Hayward to the Navy Commissioners. I ask for a supply of provisions, having but one week's victuals on board. I have acquainted Mr. Wren therewith. I received the cable from Deptford and also two others, an anchor and other things from Mr. Colmer. We were very badly cabled before, and now want cordage and other things, but I suppose it will not be long before they are ordered in. A ship from the Canaries reports that the fleet there would be ready to sail within ten days after her departure, which was 25 December. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 67.]

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Kinsale.

Wm. Penn to the Navy Commissioners. The *Newcastle* and *Dragon* left 29 December. I have received their muster books, and will transmit copies by a friend to save expense. I send a certificate for the man I put on board the *Harp* frigate, and also a bill of my own disbursements in house-rent for stores. I hope you will consider of it on the disposal of the frigate. [*Ibid.* No. 68.]
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Certificate by Wm. Penn that by virtue of an order from the Navy Commissioners he put Isaac Phippes on board the Harp on 3 April 1669, to take care of her, and that he remains there still. [Ibid. No. 69.]

Memorandum by the same that the house-rent for the sails, stores, and materials of the Harp is 3l. 10s. 0d. per annum, and commenced on 3 April 1669, and that when the frigate and stores are delivered up he will send their Honours the vouchers for the rent and for the removal of the stores. [Ibid. No. 70.]

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Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. After being some time in the yard, I observed that the master workmen and their instruments had no regard to the time of their coming or going to work, whereupon I commanded them to attend at the proper hours, and that the masters should look after their men instead of allowing them to idle away their time in setting to work, or leaving before the bell rang, which for a time was observed; but they having again become very remiss, though favoured by not being required to answer their calls like the others, in July 1670 I sent a warrant to the clerk of the cheque, requiring all master workmen and their instruments to attend their calls, and the storekeeper's instruments and others were also included, conceiving that so long as there were workmen in the yard, the stores ought to be attended, and not left wholly destitute. Notwithstanding which, they have

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come in at eight and later in the morning, and gone out at eleven, and come in at two, and then gone out at four. I am informed that Rawlings, one of the storekeeper's instruments, attending the iron office, so slights the warrant as to refuse to give any account of his coming and going, which makes me doubt whether he is not encouraged by the storekeeper, or he would not be so bold and confident. I would not have troubled your Honours with this account, had I not heard that some of the officers were much dissatisfied on behalf of their instruments, and that some of them, being in London, might make application concerning it. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 286, No. 71.] *Enclosed,*

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The said warrant to the clerk of the cheque, endorsed with several notes in shorthand by Pepys. [Ibid. No. 72.]

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Certificate, at Mr. Wilson's request, by Ph. Pett, that John Bowyer and four others, the storekeeper's instruments, were at their respective duties all the last week. [Ibid. No. 73.]

Memorandum of the attendance of the five persons before alluded to, for the week ending 7 Jan. 1671. [Ibid. No. 74.]

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Contract by Peter Hasler of Fareham, Hampshire, timber merchant, with Commissioner John Tippetts, to deliver into the stores at Portsmouth 12 dozen ash oars meting at 17 feet, at 16s. 8d. per 100 feet; 10 dozen hand spikes, 5½ feet long, at 4s. 8d. per dozen; and 800 feet of elm board, above ¾ inch thick, at 11s. per 100. [*Ibid.* No. 75.]

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Whitehall.

Warrant for a patent conferring on ——— Seaton of Windygowle and his heirs male the dignity of a knight baronet of Scotland. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 1, p. 77.]

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Dublin.

Robert Leigh to [Williamson]. I delayed acknowledging yours of the 3rd, having returned to town only last night. The King's letter about Church valuations was delivered to the Lord Lieutenant by Mr. Frowd, but no fees are to be expected for it. Pray let me know about the fees on Colonel Dillon's letter, and on that touching pursuivants' allowances. Seven packets from England are now due. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 346, No. 10.]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Directing that whereas Murrough Earl of Inchiquin has for some years past been in possession of the castle, town, and lands of Killnecurry, &c., in the barony of Barrymore, co. Cork, and the same have not been disposed of by the Commissioners for executing the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, and he is willing to place deficiencies thereon, and has besought a grant of the said lands towards satisfaction of the deficiencies now belonging to him or hereafter acquired by him, he is to examine and report on the truth of the said allegations, with his opinion, and in the meantime to make or grant no *custodium* or other disposition of the said lands. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 7, p. 438.*]

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The King to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. After reciting a mortgage dated 30 March 1612, by Daniel O'Harlike, of Ballyvorney, co. Cork, to Sir Richard Boyle, afterwards Earl of Cork, and Sir Thomas Roper, afterwards Viscount Baltinglass, of the lands of Treag-vally-vor-ving, containing 11 plowlands, in consideration of 165*l.*, that Sir Richard Boyle was only a trustee for Sir Thomas Roper, that Sir Thomas entered on the lands and enjoyed them till the rebellion of 1641, that Murrough Earl of Inchiquin had purchased them from the son and heir of the said Sir Thomas, or from other purchasers from him, that the said lands had never been disposed of by the Commissioners for executing the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, and that the said Earl, fearing some claim for redemption under the said Acts, has, as a purchaser for value, requested a confirmation thereof, the Lord Lieutenant is directed to examine and report thereon, with his opinion, and that the said Earl remain in quiet possession till the King's further pleasure be signified. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 7, p. 439.*]

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Dover.

John Carlile to Williamson. Asking his assistance to the bearer, his kinsman, Mr. Golder, who has some affairs with Lord Arlington. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 114.*]

Jan. 25.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. The late violent winds have hindered us from all news. No hurt done to any of the ships in the Downs, which are at least 150 sail. Last Monday a pink from Malaga, laden with wine and basket fruit for London, near the Narrow struck and is lost, but the men all saved. [*Ibid. No. 115.*]

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Yarmouth.

Richard Bower to Williamson. Yesterday the packet boat from the Brill put in here and landed many passengers, who report that between the Maes and Flushing there is between 60 and 70 sail cast away, all laden, homeward bound. A vessel of Lynn, bound for London, anchored in this last storm to the northward of this town, was by another vessel fouling her forced from her anchors. The men with much ado put her ashore, who no sooner got out of her on land, but she was driven off to sea, and doubtless is lost. A great Newcastle collier of about twelve score chaldron of coal put ashore near our south pier. She was forced from her anchors about Aldborough, and proved so leaky that they could keep her no longer. There is little or no hope of saving her. Capt. Clarke sends his humble and hearty thanks for your assistance, and informs me that he delivered you the copy of Sir Thomas Medowes' letter to Lord Townsend, giving his reasons why he could not join in commission with Mr. Huntington, whom my lord would have put upon him for a captain, since which my lord has sent a commission to Mr. James Johnson to be Major of the town in the room of Sir Thomas Medowes, upon which there was a muster appointed, but the order from the King and Council with the narrative of the condition of the town being come to my lord's hands, has put a stop to the muster, so we wait the issue. [*Ibid. No. 116.*]

[Before Jan.
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Sir Thomas Medowes to Lord Townsend. Last post informed you that I could not return a positive answer as to the Major's place, owing to indisposition. How those men who were actors-in-

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arms in the late horrid rebellion should be esteemed by you the only men for public trust and the fittest for your correspondence, begets here an admiration in all that are truly loyal. Formerly I received instructions from yourself or deputy lieutenants, but now Mr. Johnson must convey your commands. Whether the commendations of others or their own pretended loyalty has wrought them thus into favour, passes my understanding; but when their actings are known, their commendations and seeming loyalty, I presume, will be of no validity. Therefore be pleased to peruse this true and impartial account. After you had purged the House here of all the Independents and of most of the Presbyterian faction, the government of this town for some years continued in the hands of those who were well principled to the King and Church's interest, and the laws against the Nonconformists were duly put in execution, insomuch that there was not a private meeting except by stealth, and if discovered [they] were prosecuted, so that many of Mr. Bridge's members, and those the most eminent, came duly to church. But in 1666, Mr. Thaxter and Mr. Huntington coming to the cushion, the Nonconformists who frequented the church forsake it, and those turbulent spirits who before left the town, now return, their meetings public, and their numbers daily increasing, and not the least notice taken to restrain them. This permission or connivance of theirs puts the Independents upon bringing Mr. Bridge to town, they knowing that those in whose hands the government then was were in the late unhappy times joined with them both in the power military and civil. Therefore, to try if they retained their old principles and affections, Mr. Samuel Shipdham, one of Mr. Bridge's congregation, goes to every one of the Presbyterian party interested in the government, to crave their charity for the ejected ministers, Presbyterians and Independents. This experiment gave the Independents such satisfaction on their so general and free a contribution from the aforesaid parties, that Mr. Bridge is immediately brought to town. Then they flock together in great numbers at the house of Captain Ravens, son-in-law to Mr. Bridge, who about that time was taken in for a common council man by Mr. Thaxter and Mr. Huntington. And when it was moved in the Assembly that he might, as the custom was, there publicly renounce the Covenant, they opposed it, and said he should do it at their house, where he set his hands to a paper as signifying the thing done, when he had not in the least renounced it, as he himself afterwards confessed. Thus they began to recruit the House with the old tribe, so as to overpower the King's party, there being at present about thirty who have not received the Sacrament. The faction thus increasing, one place would not suffice, but the grand meeting is brought to a house upon the open quay, within a door or two of Mr. Huntington, he being then one of the magistrates of the town, where he sees them continually resort and puts not the least check on them. Perhaps their coming thus near him might be out of respect to his wife in regard to her lameness, she being a member of Mr. Bridge's congregation and a constant frequenter of their meetings. This may satisfy you what encouragement was

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given by Mr. Huntington to make void the former Act for Uniformity, by which we may judge on what design he put those tricks on Captain Clarke in the execution of his office on the late Act against conventicles. It is well known how zealous and active the said Huntington was, when a lieutenant here, in the Committee of Safety's time, in levying money for payment of his soldiers, only by virtue of a commission from that committee. When some of the other officers refused to collect it, he reproached them for their disaffection. Since he was nominated a captain by you, a short time before our new bailiffs were elected, the old ones before the day of election, to prevent the dispute which arose last year about who were capable to be electors and elected, moved in a full Assembly that the churchwardens might search the church books and bring in an account, who had received the Sacrament and who not; but this was opposed by him, he and his party having pestered the House with their creatures, one of whom is now got to the cushion and has chosen this Mr. Huntington for his justice of the peace, whose carriage in church is so undecent and irreverent, that it is generally taken notice of, for during the prayers and confession of the faith he is sitting, whilst others are standing and kneeling. Pray consider that of 12,000 communicants estimated to be in this town, there are not 500 who have received the Sacrament, and many of these receive collection money, so I humbly conceive it cannot consist with the King's and the Church's interest, your honour, the safety and peace of this town, to put men in commands possessed with the foregoing principles, nor can I in honour join with Mr. Huntington. [*The copy referred to in the last letter. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 117.*]

Jan. 25. Testimonial by William Lloyd, D.D., John Starky, D.D., of Bury, Lionel Gatford, M.A., and Charles Preston, M.A., Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge, in favour of Jonathan Lawe, clerk, B.A. [*In Latin. Ibid. No. 118.*]

Jan. 25. Warrant for registering the ship *Sommer Island* as an English ship, in accordance with the prayer of the petition printed *ante p. 33.* [*Copy. Ibid. No. 119.*]

Jan. 25. Sir Samuel Morland to Williamson. I forgot last night to give you a hint concerning the sum the King grants me—that, it being at eight payments in two years' time, I must give a considerable sum for the advance thereof for a purchase. Besides, I am something in debt, and both together will make some abatement that I shall not have just what the King grants to lay out. Therefore, I beg that one eighth part or two might be made payable at Christmas last, which will be all one to the King and a great help to me. In compounding, 300*l.* at 12 years' purchase comes to 3,600*l.*; at 13, to 3,900*l.* If it might be made 3,900*l.* or 4,000*l.*, it would do my business completely. [*Ibid. No. 120.*]

Jan. [25]. Warrant to the Clerk of the Signet to prepare a bill for the King's signature to pass the great seal, containing a presentation

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of William Shippen to the rectory of Kirkheaton. [*Draft or Copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 121, and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 12, where it is dated 23th (sic).*]

Jan. 25. Docquet thereof. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 6.*]

[Jan. ?] Thomas Chiffinch, servant to his Majesty, to the King. Petition praying that his warrant for the King's waiter's place in the port of London granted more than two years ago, and hitherto ineffectual because of grants to others, may take effect on the present vacancy. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II., Vol. 287, No. 122.*] *Annexed,*

Draft reference thereof. [Ibid. No. 123.]

Jan. 25. Reference of the said petition to the Commissioners of the Treasury, his Majesty in gratification of the petitioner's constant and near attendance in his service declaring he will grant it, unless it be attended with some manifest inconvenience to his service. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33, p. 144.*]

[Jan. ?] Draft of the above petition. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 124.*]

Jan. 25. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Commissioners. Hearing that his Majesty and the Council have ordered the building of a ship or two in this city, I shall be very ready to serve you, being well provided with plank and timber; or if there is no intention to build, to sell it if you will state the price per load to be delivered at Portsmouth. I cannot wait upon your Honours, having had much sickness for the last six months. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 76.*]

Jan. 25. Warrants for patents creating Charles Hackett of Pitfirren and Whitehall. John Hoome of Blackaderre baronets of Scotland. [*Docquets. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, pp. 77, 78.*]

Jan. 25. Warrant for Andrew Sheill to transport to Edinburgh the hawks Whitehall. due to the King yearly out of Orkney and Shetland. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 78.*]

Jan. 25. Six warrants for charters granting to the following persons the Whitehall. following lands respectively:—

James Schoner, Caskieberring, in Fife.

George Gibson, Auchmoutie, in Fife.

Adam Urquhart, Meldrum, and erecting the town of Old Meldrum into a free barony.

Sir James McGill, Nether Rankeillor, Auld Lundoris and Grange of Lundoris, with a *novodamus* erecting the same into a free barony.

Alexander Abernethie, Auchincloich and Shaddow, Ternenine, Meyen and Quoir, and Corskellie.

Robert Rosse, Kilcairny and Kiltoun, in Fife, and erecting the same into a free barony.

[*Docquets. Ibid. pp. 79–86.*]

Jan. 25. Warrant for a confirmation to Sir Andrew Ramsay, Lord Provost Whitehall. of Edinburgh, of a gift by the commendator and convent of Dumfermline to the possessors of the saltpans about Kirkcaldy, anent the winning of coals under certain lands, with a *novodamus* to him

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of the saltpans near the town of Kirkcaldy, with licence to win coa under certain specified lands at the rents therein mentioned. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, pp. 86-87.*]

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Whitehall.

Warrant for gift of recognition in favour of Alexander Ritchie and others of Margaret Hepburn's half of the lands of Preston in the parish of Linlithgow. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 88.*]

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Warrant to Francis, Lord Aungier, Vice-Treasurer of Ireland, to pay Sir Edward Deering, late one of the Commissioners for the Settlement of that kingdom, 140*l.*, the arrears of his allowance for diet and lodging. [*Copy. 1½ page. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 346, No. 11, and S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 7, p. 442.*]

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Deal.
Aboard the
Black Spread
Eagle.

William Bexby. Receipt for one packet received from the Post at Deal for Sir Edward Spragge. Note by Morgan Lodge: The other is aboard the *Unity* for Lisbon. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 125.*]

Jan. 26.
Swansea.

John Man to Williamson. Yesterday arrived a small vessel of this place, from Lisbon, laden with salt. The master states that coming thence fourteen days ago, there put into Lisbon seven French men-of-war of 50, 60, and 70 guns apiece, and that an Englishman that sailed with them told his company that they came from Guinea, and of ten men-of-war and 5,000 men they landed there not one man came on board again. The Dutch fell upon them and destroyed their Admiral and two men-of-war besides, and all the men they landed. The master says there came about 40 sail of Dutch, French, and English from Lisbon at the same time, but were separated by contrary winds and storms. The same day came in the *Loyal Friendship* from Malaga to Kinsale with fruit and wines. The master reports that about five weeks ago they came thence with about forty merchantmen, and their convoy, who left them some few leagues from Cadiz, and returned to convoy vessels bound for Tangiers with money and provisions for the garrison. The merchantmen were separated by storm, and he miraculously preserved from shipwreck, which undoubtedly the night after he came here he had suffered, had he not met accidentally the aforesaid Swansea vessel, who brought him safe here. [*Ibid. No. 126.*]

Jan. 26.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Resolution*, which Sir Thomas Allen commanded in the Straits, is paid off to-day. [*Ibid. No. 127.*]

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News-letter. To-morrow set out the two ships wherein are embarked much of the goods and household stuff of the Prince of Orange and many of the servants and persons of quality that accompanied him hither, so that it's thought before long the Prince himself will return. Her Royal Highness is much better, but dares not as yet venture to go abroad. His Highness the Duke of Cambridge is also indisposed, being not quite well of the cold he lately got, but it's supposed without danger to his person. Complaint having been made to his Majesty in Council of the many impediments daily

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arising by the dirty keeping of the streets of London and Westminster, he has been pleased to order that the justices of the peace see that every inhabitant constantly every morning clean their doors, which is immediately to be conveyed away by the scavenger, that it may be remedied for the future. [3 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 128.]

Jan. 26. Reference to the Bishop of Oxford of the petition of Richard Lloyd, D.D., desiring a presentation to the rectory of Banby in Lincolnshire. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, p. 144.]

Jan. 26. Victualling Office. Sir D. Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. There is not any victuals ready at Plymouth, and I am not in a condition to provide any for the *Princess* and *Falcon*, having received not a penny towards this year's declaration, or of that appointed to be paid for those sent for the fleet in the Straits with so much difficulty. A small proportion of money was appointed for this year's action, which, if received, would have enabled me to have made provision for the despatch of the *Assistance*, *Milford*, and *Adventure*, and provided some small matter besides for any emergency; but failing of that and other supplies, I am rendered incapable of doing what is required, which I would otherwise have readily performed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 77.]

Jan. 26. Deptford. M. Wren to the Navy Commissioners. Asking them to hasten away the victuals for the *Foresight*, as he understands they have only sufficient for two or three days, and that they will inquire the reason why Mr. Shish has taken off two of the labourers employed in the house and garden there, and give directions therein, having received a complaint from Mr. Howard about it. [*Ibid.* No. 78.]

Jan. 27. Plymouth. James Blackborne to James Hickes. Bad weather continues still. This last week another house was blown down, yet no harm to any, nor any detriment to any of the fleet, now very considerable in our harbour. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 129.]

Jan. 27. Minehead. John Maurice to Williamson. Yesterday, off the quay, some of our seamen discovered a piece of wreck near half a league. They launched their boat and found only a yard and sail of some small bark. [*Ibid.* No. 130.]

Jan. 27. Richard Wilkinson to Prince Rupert. Their great shyness made me almost despair, but finding the same faces at meetings and the same language used by them—to wit, that the King was like Pharaoh and themselves Israelites, &c.—having some knowledge of Singleton, one of the guard that Mason escaped from, I went and drank with him and found he professed himself to be his Majesty's faithful subject; so after causing him to make some serious protestations, I told him I knew a place in the City where I believed we might find all or most of the rescuers. He professed he was very glad of it, and believed it would be a piece of acceptable service, and was confident he knew them all, and would do anything I ordered without revealing it. My intention was to have taken him with me that I might have perfect knowledge of them

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for the future; but next night, the 26th, came the party to my lodging that gave the first information, and was very free with me, and at last told me Father Thomas, *alias* Mason, was he who had engaged to fight his Majesty's guards with fifty men, and lodged not far off me in White Horse Court, near London Wall. One of his friends was lately taken named Coutnay, a Gravesend man. Butler, *alias* Baker, was a steward to the said Coutnay. Likewise the chief time of their meeting is in the evening, and he would go with me to it. He judged the next would be on London Bridge, and I should hear one Goodgroome, formerly chaplain to Lord General Monk, and then it was like Father Thomas would preach, but he would certainly be there; so I think I shall not make use of Singleton, because if he knows them so well, they must certainly know him, unless he be all the more disguised. I have taken leave of my friends, as though I were to go to Holland or the West Indies. My charge has been extraordinary of late, and I therefore humbly beg your Highness to move his Majesty to grant me a further supply, and to give me a special order to summon constables, soldiers, or others to our assistance, for now I question not but to have suddenly opportunities enough. I humbly beg your Highness to order Mr. Pitt a speedy answer to his lodging. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 131.]

Jan. 23-27. News-letter. [News identical with that of 23rd and 24th, and with the next.] [3 pages. *Ibid.* No. 132.]

Jan. 27. King's letter to the Master and Fellows of Trinity College, Cambridge, directing them forthwith to elect and admit George Chare, B.A., a Westminster scholar, to a fellowship. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, f. 65.]

Jan. 27. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I cannot
Chatham. return you an account at present as to ships being brought into the docks loaded with ballast, guns, &c., to the injury of the ships and docks, as having caught cold after my illness, I am again confined to my chamber. I hope to be well in a day or two, when I will give one, as also of Mr. Harrington's business about unloading his plank and the time spent in clearing his ship. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 79.]

Jan. 27. Sir Wm. Jennens to the Navy Commissioners. Thanking them for
Plymouth accepting his bills and promising to take care about the boatswains' receipts, and reminding them that the provisions wasted apace, having
Sound. 150 men living upon them, and that the supply for two months for the men carried to the fleet is expended. Weather extreme bad with rain, and there is little likelihood of its changing, which makes all here very sorrowful. [*Ibid.* No. 80.]

[Jan. 27.] Sir Thos. Clutterbuck to the Navy Commissioners. I send copy
Feb. 6. of letter of 30 Jan., recommending it to your Honours' mature
Leghorn. consideration. I thank your Honours for the favour done me in yours of 24 Dec., and for your so effectually laying my present condition and sufferings through Sir Denis Gauden and Co. before his Royal Highness. It is some relief to me to understand that

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through your protection I am at last secured in my interest, and have such good paymasters as yourselves appointed for the discharge of my bills. I was at the height of desperation when considering with what zeal and affection I had launched out to serve my King and country, and yet finding all my weekly advices, like Job's messengers, hastily bringing me such doleful tidings as threatened the ruin and destruction of myself and family. No man ever dealt so severely and cruelly by any one as Sir Denis Gauden and Co. have with me, by not finding a way to pay one of my bills, proceeding as men gaping for an opportunity to overthrow me and blast some of his Majesty's designs abroad, knowing there are very few abroad who carry a public and generous spirit about them. Secretary Wren gave me his Royal Highness's resolution as to the care that was taken of me, upon which I have already passed five small bills upon the Treasurer of the Navy upon my victualling account, beginning with the *Jersey*, as also another bill for 229*l.* 1*s.* 2*d.*, in extinction of another for 218*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*, including expenses, which was accepted by the victuallers but protested and returned. I send my first account with Sir Denis Gauden and Co., which my kinsman, Jasper Clotterbooke, merchant in London, advised was approved at the victualling office, and am sure there is not one article they can object against; and as my first and last accounts are now lodged in your Honours' office, I ask that what bills I may draw upon you, upon the victualling account, may be duly accepted and discharged, as for the future I shall pass my bills upon your office and not upon the Treasurer as first directed, and note them to the victualler's account. The bill drawn last November upon your office for 386*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* payable to Mr. Exton was for the balance of my accounts for disbursements and not for victualling, and after I had given it to Sigr. Millanesi he returned it, on which I exchanged it with Dethick and Co. at Leghorn, who ordered it to be made payable to Exton, and if it is passed to the victualling account, I desire you will correct the error, and that the several other bills drawn on the victuallers and accepted by them which lie unsatisfied, notwithstanding they have credit for them in my accounts, may be either immediately discharged by Sir Denis Gauden and Co. or by the Treasurer, so as to save more loss by exchange and other expenses. As to any effects lodged in my hands by Sir Thos. Allen for the King's account, I never received anything from him or any other except sixty-five slaves, many of whom were infirm and decrepit, and the small sum I have in hand as the remains of their produce will not make good the damage sustained by the return of the bills which were protested through Sir Denis Gauden's disappointments. I enclose an account, &c., for Sir Thos. Allen, and ask you to prevail with him to read it to you, and I hope the proposition will be esteemed modest and just, which, if granted, I shall thankfully acknowledge by a zealous prosecution of his Majesty's interest. Capt. Bowen attends several merchant ships designed eastward, and has given warrants, one of which is enclosed, for four months' victuals to be got ready for him against his return, since, as Sir John Harman and his squadron and Capt. Poole and several others have put their men on full allowance, he, Capt.

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Bowen, has thought fit to do the same, wherein I could not but concur, as it will be no aggravation of expense, and we have sharp weather, which creates hungry bellies, that nourishes discontent among the mariners. I hear from Capt. Poole at Messina that four Algerines are lying off Cape Sparteventure, so I shall contribute to the best of my assistance as well in the despatch of all men-of-war as merchantmen to disappoint the design of the enemy, for if we can by a careful convoy preserve our poor merchantmen from their clutches, the hearts of these rogues will be soon broken and they will solicit our King to make peace. I have disbursed 2,000 pieces of eight for stores supplied to ships not relating to victualling, but defer sending an account until Capt. Poole returns to Leghorn, and I hope you will allow me five per cent. thereon, as I have before valued it at, causing perfect bills to be made out in conformity therewith. [5 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 81.]

Jan. 27. Commission to Walter, Lord Torpichen, to be captain of the
Whitehall. militia troop of horse raised in Linlithgowshire and Peeblesshire. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 1, p. 89.]

Jan. 27. The King to the Lord Lieutenant, and the King to Sir W. Domville, Attorney-General of Ireland. Concerning the prosecution of James Shirley for rape, being the letters directed by the order in Council of the 13th instant, and following the terms thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 7, pp.* 438, 437.]

Jan. 27. The King to the Lord Lieutenant and Council of Ireland, directing
Whitehall. them to inquire into the disputed accounts between Sir Daniel Bellingham, late Deputy Vice-Treasurer of Ireland, and Edward Corker, formerly employed by him, and to report thereon. [*Draft.* 1½ page. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 346, No. 12.]

Jan. 28. Another copy so dated. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 7, p.* 443.]

Jan. 27. The Lord Lieutenant and the Privy Council to Lord Arlington.
Dublin. In reply to the King's letters of 23 Sept. last, recommending Patrick Archer's services and sufferings, with the advice of the Commissioners of the Treasury and the Committee for Ireland, that the debt due to him be discharged by a payment of 1,250*l.* per annum for five years, and of 44*l.* in the sixth out of the Irish revenue, referring to their former letter of 5 Sept. last, and the enclosures therewith, which show that the revenue for the half-year ending 30 Sept. last amounted to 77,250*l.*, and the charges for the military and civil establishment to 150,202*l.* 17*s.* 0¼*d.*, leaving a deficiency of 72,952*l.* 17*s.* 0¼*d.*, so that the debt to the last of September amounts to 245,510*l.* 5*s.* 2¼*d.*, and nothing remains uncharged whereon to charge the said Archer's debt. [2½ pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 346, No. 13.]

Jan. 28. John Evelyn to Williamson. "I at last transmit the synopsis or
Sayes Court. project of my work, which, for want of a fit scribe, I have been fain to draw over myself twice; one of which (somewhat more improved) I intend to give Mr. Treasurer. They are both with blanks, that according to your promise you may perfect defects, and give me such hints as are requisite to guide me through.

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"I have already made good progress upon many of these heads, but they will not be consummate or fit to be tacked together till all my intelligence comes in, which you only can help me to. In particular I want (greatly) the *Letters, Instructions, and Negotiations of our Ambassadors* and others, also the several *Treaties and Articles*: those made with *Cromwell* I would gladly see; some papers about the *Committee of Trade* I want, &c.

"I have diligently perused the last monstrous volume, Aitzema's *Oorlogh*, which was by no means to be passed. Yet there seems to be another—this does not reach to the end of the war; pray inquire concerning it. I am amazed at the man's industry, and our negligence; they kept nothing from him in Holland, and there are many rare pieces in it and much trash. By a letter I have by me, the book seems to be already in French, *quære amabo*.

"I conjure you to set some time apart *seriously* to furnish the *pieces* I want, that I may cheerfully pursue my method; for if I must be forced to insert them after I have finished, the commissures will be seen, and 'twill put me to double pains.

"I likewise earnestly request you to be sometimes casting your eye over the papers I now send, and to consult *seriously* and at *good leisure* with my Lord Ar[lington] and Mr. Tr[easurer], where I shall take scope, touch gently or make it smart. Likewise, if there be (as I apprehend there sometimes may) any dislocations in point of date, and the series of actions, these particulars I require of you, and that you will possess my Lord Ar[lington] that this structure is not the work of a day or two, but will merit a good allowance of time, and no small application. It is labour for a strong beast, but I am anything he commands me to be.

"I am now trimming up my *Preface*, which none has yet seen, but my lord's was the argument. Within some competent time, I shall present him with it finished, but shall proceed with no courage on the rest till you have done furnishing all my subsidiaries, and then as I can despatch them you shall receive them by parcels, such as may not tire you in reading, and perhaps by my lord's address and kindness to the work his Majesty may be induced to cast his eyes upon them, that after his animadversions or approbation (being returned) they may be prepared for whatever he designs them.

"That I have not been very remiss, 24 full sheets of paper which I have written this very week, and 1,079 pages (for no fewer does your Aitzema contain) which I have perused, and transcribed out of, may give you some assurance; and yet I have my *beads* to say, and a *family* to consider, and a number of other *impertinences* of my own life; I lay by all my *Amoena studiorum* and refreshments to emerge a statesman (what not?) at 50, and be laughed at, if I do not succeed. But my lord and you shall bear the blame, for enjoining me a province I was not capable of, and I can write sharply, and make the world feel the nib of my pen an hundred year to come. *Nemo me impune*—Therefore treat your *Historiographer* kindly, and indulge him now and then an excursion.

"*Postscript*.—I herewith likewise send you my thoughts concerning your other laudable design, which I would be glad you should

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promote for the good of our society." [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 133.] *Probably enclosed,*

"The chiefe heads or titles which I propose to myselfe in the contexture of the history of the late warr with Holland, &c., humbly submitted to his Majestie's Animadversions," by J. E., containing heads of political transactions between England and Holland from 1585 to 1671, with a proposal for an appendix of documents and a query whether the late affront from the King of Denmark should be noticed. [7 pages. Ibid. No. 133I.]

Jan. 28. List of the names, masters, cargoes, ports, and places of sailing
Plymouth. and destinations of six vessels. [*Ibid.* No. 134.]

Jan. 29. Richard Watts to Williamson. Six Canarymen arrived to-day.
Deal. I humbly pray you to accept of this small present. [*Ibid.* No. 135.]

Jan. 29. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of
Portsmouth. news. [*Ibid.* No. 136.]

Jan. 29. James Blackborne to James Hickes. This tempestuous weather
Plymouth. makes us very barren of news. The fleet is all safe. [*Ibid.* No. 137.]

Jan. 29. Dr. Edward Chamberlayne to Williamson. To give a brief
account of the present state of Ireland, I shall, at your request, very
willingly undertake; but then let me beg you to consider how I
may have some small recompense for my services, for I am told by
several that by my little treatises, as well before as after the
restoration, I have deserved at least some favour both of Crown
and Church, yet I never received or asked a penny from either,
though the King at his coming into England promised that I should
be remembered amongst others. I have a wife and children, old
age approaches: some petty place of profit for the one and of
honour for the other would easily satisfy my ambition, the height
whereof is only to pass the residue of my days in some poor head-
ship of a hall in Oxford, where I might employ my time in
governing and directing the studies of young gentlemen, and serve
the University in entertaining of strangers by the several lan-
guages I acquired in foreign parts, and have leisure to finish some
treatises begun by me, or rather to undertake any new task you
shall impose upon me. I shall shortly wait on you with a draft of
the particulars for Ireland. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ page. *Ibid.* No. 138.]

[Jan. ?] Petition of Thomas Grey to the King, stating that he is seised
in fee of the manor of Epping and the wood called Wintrey Parke,
or Wintrey Common, or Wintrey Wood, in the forest of Waltham,
and of a fair and weekly market there, with divers other liberties,
privileges, and advantages granted by letters patent of his
Majesty's predecessors, which said manor and lands were anciently
possessions of the Abbot of Waltham St. Cross, who held the
same with divers privileges in relation to the said forest, all which
the petitioner ought to enjoy as amply as the abbot did; neverthe-
less, he being called in question for the same by the Justice Seat
for the said forest, is desirous to have his Majesty's confirmation

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and express grant for the same, with the addition of another fair and market there, and praying such confirmation and a grant of one new market and two fairs, and of all waifs, strays, felons' goods, and of *felo de se*, fugitives, persons outlawed or put in exigent, deodands and such-like casual profits happening within the said manor, with return and execution of writs there, and a pardon to the petitioner's father and himself of all assarts, purprestures, wastes, and trespasses, of or in the forest of Waltham, and liberty to hold such assarts and purprestures as are already made, and to cut timber or wood without licence or view of the forester, and to assart the premises. *At foot,*

Jan. 29. *Reference thereof to the Attorney-General for the issuing a writ of Ad quod damnum, on return whereof his Majesty will give order for gratifying the petitioner.*
Whitehall.

March 13. *Certificate by Sir Heneage Finch, A. G., that the writ has been issued, and it is found that the King may, without damage to himself or any of his subjects, grant the fairs and market desired. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 139.] Annexed,*

March 18. *Grant, confirmation, and pardon to the said Thomas Grey as prayed. [Ibid. No. 140, and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 74.]*

Docquet thereof, dated March. [Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 37.]

Jan. 29. *The said reference. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33, p. 144.]*

Jan. 29. *Capt. John Hayward to the Navy Commissioners. The provisions came in very good time, as we had no flesh on board that the men could eat, or any bread but what we bought at Deal. Capt. Elliot has arrived with one ship, having parted from the rest of his convoy in a storm in the soundings, but they are coming in. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 82.]*
Foresight,
Downs.

Jan. 29. *Capt. John Willgress to the Navy Commissioners. Concerning the payment of the bills and tickets belonging to his men, of which he has taken an account, and also as to what ships they have served in, &c., and sending the particulars. [Ibid. No. 83.]*
Welcome, Hope.
Enclosed,

Jan. 29. *Account by the same of tickets belonging to seven seamen named, specifying the ships they have served in, for how long, and the amount of wages due to each. With a note to Thos. Hayter that he has two more tickets in his hands of the value of 20l., and desires to know whether he can get them paid. [Ibid. No. 84.]*
Welcome, Hope.

[Jan. ?] *John Bindlos of London to the King. Petition, praying him to accept the surrender on his behalf of the office of bailiff of Rye by Phineas Cheston, whom he has served faithfully as deputy, and to grant him the place. Noted, "Sir John Robinson." [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 141.]*

[Before Jan. 30.] *Warrant for a grant to the said Bindlos of the said place. Dated in the 22nd year of our reign. [Draft. Ibid. No. 142.]*

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Jan. 30.] Certificate by the Earl of Oxford, Lord Chief Justice in Eyre, of two licences to John Heyes, of Woodford in Essex, to fell out of Knighton Wood as much firewood as he shall require for his own house. Dated January in the 22nd year of the reign of King Charles. [*Two drafts. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, Nos. 143, 144.*]
- Jan. 24-30. News-letter. [News identical with that in news-letters already calendared.] [*4 pages. Ibid. No. 145.*]
- Jan. 27-30. News-letter. [The only news not in *Fleming Calendar*, p. 75, is:]
Letters from Marseilles say that Sir Edward Spragg has lately taken an Algiers man-of-war of 36 guns, after a long and stout chase.
His Majesty, the 22nd instant, at the request of the Prince of Orange, conferred the honour of knighthood on Sir John Can, son to the Balive (?) of Flushing, commander of Isingdale. It is said the inhabitants of Bordeaux have mutinied and taken up arms on the publication of the late edict forbidding their trade with the Dutch, alleging that they cannot live if it be put in execution, their only trade coming thence. The House are on Monday to meet, and in a most solemn manner keep the day of humiliation for the martyrdom of King Charles I. of ever-blessed memory. The Lords have yet come to no determination nor done much in the Bill they intend to bring in about the Duke of Ormonde's assault, and for preventing the like for the future. [*4 pages. Ibid. No. 146.*]
- Jan. 30.
Greenwich. Thos. Jaggard to Thos. Hayter. Asking him to inform the Navy Commissioners that he is prevented from attending them on Tuesday through illness. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 85.*]
- [Jan. 30.]
Feb. 9.
Leghorn. Sir Thomas Clutterbuck to the Navy Commissioners. I send copy of my letter of the 6th, forwarded by the Lyons ordinary, and ask your Honours' serious consideration of it; also the indent of the purser of the *Centurion* for a month's provision, for which I desire to have credit in my newest account, beginning with the *Jersey* and ending with the *Swallow*, a copy of which was already forwarded. I have passed my bills upon you for 151*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* payable two months after date to Signor Micheale Bichiraia or order, and recommend due satisfaction of it, having found it difficult to exchange that small sum, the merchants on this place having such a bad opinion of the public credit. Your Honours will find that I have a considerable sum in disburse upon this account, and I have a good quantity of all sorts of provisions lying ready for such ships as may call at Leghorn; and as all things are bought with the ready penny, and I cannot exchange a penny, you may easily imagine that I am exceedingly straitened. I ask you to tell Sir John Frederick and other eminent merchants who trade for this place, that they may depend upon a due compliance with such bills as I shall pass upon you, so that they may be prevailed with to write to their factors here to be more kind to me, which will very much tend to the furtherance of the service. Noted that Purser Ridgeway's indent, and Sir Denis Gauden's account for 8,820*l.* 16*s.* 1*d.*, which were enclosed, were

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given to Sir Jeremy Smith on 28 March. [5 pages. *S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 296, No. 86.] *Annexed*,

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Feb. 6.
Leghorn.

Capt. Geo. Bowen, commander of the Centurion, to Sir Thos. Clutterbuck. Having received commands to proceed for the eastward, for the security of several merchant ships designed thither, and then with their loadings intending homeward, as it may cause me to spend considerable time in those parts, whereby I will be necessitated, on my way home, to stop at Leghorn for a supply, I desire you will get ready by 20 March a full allowance of sea provisions for four months for 205 men; and on putting the same on board, that you will take the purser's indents for the same. [Ibid. No. 87.]

Jan. 31.
London.

Sir Richard Ford, Lord Mayor, to Williamson. The petition and state of the case I lately delivered from the city to Lord Arlington will sufficiently inform you of the reasonableness of the prayer thereof about the water baleridge (bailage) for a *noli prosequi*, especially if it be considered that the Swedes' agent, at whose instance the *Quo warranto* was obtained, owned to my lord his desire that no further prosecution may be made upon it. Yet, by the city's order, I only moved his lordship that the petition might be referred to the Lord Keeper and judges, either to do therein as they should think fit or to report to his Majesty, and that in the meantime there might be an arrest of judgment. I pray you be instrumental that by his lordship's motion to his Majesty such a reference be made. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 287, No. 147.]

Jan. 31.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of news. [*Ibid.* No. 148.]

Jan. 31.
Plymouth.

James Blackborne to James Hicke. A fair wind at N.E. has caused Sir William Jennens, the *Falcon*, Captain Werden, and above 80 sail, with their convoys, to sail out of our harbour. The wind came fair but this morning. [*Ibid.* No. 149.]

Jan. 31.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Sunday last a boat with four Deal men, and yesterday one with two, were overset in the Downs. Both boats were saved, one of the men in the last drowned. It blew a very stiff gale all last night, and still increases. Two small ships were foul of each other this afternoon. Since, a great ship has broken her boltsprit, and also broke loose and is gone to sea westward; some believe her to be one of our East Indiamen, others that she is bound for Lisbon and Brazil. If the wind continues so high most of the ships will break loose, or ride out their bows before morning. [*Ibid.* No. 150.]

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G[ulielmus Fuller], Bishop of Lincoln, to Williamson. In many places of Lincolnshire, particularly at Stamford, where there was 22*l.* collected for the captives, the collections were given back to the contributors on a mistake of a caution in an advertisement in your *Gazette* against a counterfeit brief, notwithstanding you rectified it in another *Gazette*. But men were willing to have their money again in their purse, and therefore took no notice of the second advertisement. I have since received divers complaints from ministers well affected, that some malicious busy knaves have spread a rumour all about Lincolnshire, which has crept into other parts of

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my diocese, that the brief is a cheat, the money pretended for the redemption of captives is to be otherwise employed, which has generally discouraged the people from giving anything at all. That some may be made examples, I have writ to the minister that informed me for a sufficient proof by oath of credible witnesses, which I shall put into my lord of Canterbury's hand, who will bring it to the Council Board. In the meantime I entreat thee to put one more advertisement into the next *Gazette* to undeceive the people, and let them know they are not to give credit to those false, malicious rumours. The enclosed is to the Archbishop of Tuam's son, lately gone to Paris, but where or how to direct it I know not. As you have such good correspondents there, will you cause this Mr. Parker to be found out and my letter delivered to him as soon as may be? [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 151.*]

Jan. 31. Warrant for a grant to John Byndlos of the office of bailiff of the town of Rye, on the surrender of Phineas Cheston. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 25, f. 190.*]

Jan. 31. Warrant continuing the pay of Thomas Howard, ensign in the Guards, and his servant, for another year, for which he is allowed to remain abroad. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 29, p. 51.*]

Jan. 31. Warrant continuing the pay of Charles Bertie, captain in the Guards, and his servant, for the time he may be away as Envoy to the King of Denmark. [*Ibid. p. 52.*]

Jan. 31. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to Lieutenant Charles Serres 100*l. per annum* out of the unpaid part of the Queen's portion, to begin from Michaelmas last. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 7.*]

Jan. 31. Warrant to the Master of the Great Wardrobe for payment to Dr. Wren, Surveyor-General of his Majesty's Works, of 12*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.* for his livery due at All Saints last, and also for the allowance of several parcels for his livery at All Saints in every year during his life. [*Ibid. No. 8.*]

Jan. 31. Wm. Griffen, master of the *Marigold* hoy, to Commissioner Thos. Portsmouth. Middleton. I was blamed for staying, but when the Captain of Cowes Castle, who was Sir Robert Holmes' deputy, heard the order was for ten days he sent to Sir Robert in London, who told him to keep me until the hoy was done with. I was told by Sir Robert's men that if I came away it would be as much as my life was worth, and that I would be hanged. I made five voyages in eight weeks, which was as much as I could do, considering the winter and bad weather, by which I got a fit of sickness, from which I have not yet recovered. I beg your Honours will do what you can to get my expenses allowed, as I was at great charge. I have spoken to Commissioner Tippetts, who has promised to do what he can for me when he comes to London. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 88.*]

Jan. 31. Wm. Griffen to ———. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No. 89.*]

Jan. 31. Contract by Benjamin Newland, of East Cowes, merchant, with Portsmouth. Commissioner John Tippetts, to deliver into the stores at Portsmouth a quantity of yellow deals at 4*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* to 9*l.* for each 500, according to size. [*Ibid. No. 90.*]

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Chatham.

Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. As to Mr. Harrington's demand of demurrage for his ship being detained at Chatham in unloading his plank, I was in London when it arrived 25 October, but at his request wrote for him to be furnished with a lighter to clear his ship of deals and staves that were over the planks, which was done; but on my return to Chatham on 1 November, as the master of her was in London, I sent for the boatswain and asked why they did not bring the plank ashore. They answered they would, but they would not sling the plank according to the custom of the place, and wanted the men of the yard to unload, but they ultimately slung the plank when it was hove up, about the middle of November. Two hoys of plank from Woodbridge, which had lain twelve or fourteen days, were brought to the crane and delivered, and when there was not a stage of plank ready a boat with Mr. Mason's timber would get in, which, to keep the cranes going and give despatch, and please everybody, was taken up. The last plank from Mr. Harrington's ship was taken up 5 December. Bringing the timber on shore on stages was tedious and not so quick as is done at Deptford, but there they have the convenience of a wet dock; but the delay was not more than about fourteen days, although the ship was there over thirty, but the men were several days before they began at all. I sent to the master shipwright for an account of the new masts set up in the *Newcastle*, but he could not give any, although it is, or ought to be, his duty to order what masts should be made for his Majesty's ships, and to see them before they begin to work them; but he does not make that his business, and as good as told me so, and referred me to the mastmaker. I sent for the latter, who wrought under Wm. Pett, formerly mastmaker, when the mainmast was made, who told me it was of a New England tree, and Bronsdon, the late mastmaker, says the other masts and the yards were made of Gottenburg masts. I do not know what Ruffhead the smith intends, but as all the men were like to stand still for want of bolts, I sent to him about them, when he complained of the want of money to buy iron. Had not some old bolts better be weighed out to him to be re-wrought and an allowance made to him for the working of them according to custom? [*2½ pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 91.*]

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Dublin.

Robert Leigh to Williamson. The four last packets came yesterday, but the other four being on board a packet-boat that left Holyhead on the 16th, are supposed to be lost, nothing being heard of her since. Let me know what to do about the fees on Colonel Dillon's and the pursuivants' letters. The enclosed about the Bishop of Raphoe has lain here three-quarters of a year. Now none is like to take it out or pay the fees, the Bishop of Clogher, whose place is disposed of, being long since recovered, and resolved to keep his bishopric to himself; therefore pray discharge me of the fees of this letter. I beseech you not to forget my brother Barnwall's petition, whereof a new copy is enclosed, which has now lain a long time. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 346, No. 14.*]

[Jan. ?]

Reasons to prove that the late vote (passed 6 December 1670, see *Commons' Journals IX. 177*) in Parliament for 10s. to be paid to

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the King for every deed enrolled in Chancery, and 2s. 6d. for every recognisance, will almost prevent enrolment of deeds; conveyances will then be made by lease and release, as the present fees, being only 10s., will thereby be doubled; while of recognisances only about 100 a year are enrolled, and the fee is now 6s. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 152.]

[Jan. ?] Petition of Katherine, wife of Rich. Halliwell, tobacco cutter, to the Lord Arlington for release for herself and maid from the custody of a messenger, to which they were committed, having been apprehended about three weeks ago, on suspicion that her husband is connected with the horrid attempt against the Duke of Ormonde. She hopes that he is innocent, and absents himself only from fear of prison, having endured much in that kind in respect of his religion. [*Ibid.* No. 153.]

[Jan. ?] Petition of Stephen and Charles West to Lord Arlington for relief. They were committed to the Gatehouse on suspicion of having a hand in the business of the Duke of Ormonde, but acquitted; yet are detained by Lady Broughton, because they cannot pay the double fees which she demands. [*Ibid.* No. 154.]

[Jan. ?] First petition of Lewis Sulpice Jonquier and Martin Carbonell, Frenchmen, now prisoners in Newgate, to the King, for reprieve till next sessions, and that they may be tried by a jury half French and half English, according to the custom of England; having been condemned to death, one for stealing lace and the other for taking a sword, by a jury of seven English, four Walloons, and one Frenchman, and the interpreter being an Englishman who did not well understand French, nor the petitioners understand him. [*Ibid.* No. 155.]

[Jan. ?] Second petition of Jonquieres and Carbonnel to the King, to respite the execution of their sentence till next term, it being contrary to English law, because five Walloons were put on the jury in place of five Frenchmen. [*French. Ibid.* No. 156.]

[Jan. ?] Third petition of Lewis Sulpice Jonquieres and Martin le Carbonel to the King, to be put into the general pardon for the next sessions, or ordered for the plantations, with proviso of recall if their innocence be cleared. Their sentence on an accusation of robbery was stayed, according to their former petition, because they had not a jury half French; and their accusers, who are doubtless the guilty parties, have fled into France, and are to be apprehended at request of the French ambassador. [*Ibid.* No. 157.]

[Jan. ?] Fourth petition of the same to the same, for change of their sentence to transportation to Virginia, or service in the galleys. They were accused of theft, but there was fault in the choice of the jury; one of the jurymen says he did not concur in the verdict, another that he gave his voice by constraint, and that his conscience reproaches him for the death of the accused, and others that they hardly knew what was the accusation. The woman who accused them to free herself fled, and is arrested, but the Lord Mayor says a second trial cannot be granted; recourse must be had to the King's mercy. [*French. Ibid.* No. 158.]

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[Jan. ?] Fifth similar petition to the same effect. [*French. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 159.*]
- [Jan. ?] Thomas Hunton, yeoman of the wardrobe at Ludlow Castle, to Lord Arlington. Petition, praying a speedy reference to the judges of the petition of himself and others of 17 June 1670, in answer to the Earl of Carbery's reply to their former one, claiming a right to diet or board wages, which reply does not deny the right, but only the source whence it is payable, having attended in person half a year to hear the petition read. [*Ibid. No. 160.*]
- [Jan. ?] List of the effects left at Antwerp by the Portuguese Ambassador, Dom Francisco de Mello, which arrived four days ago by the vessel of Daniel Griex. Among them are two boxes of silk artificial flowers, made by nuns, one of which is for the Duchess of York. [*French. Ibid. No. 161.*]
- Jan. Grant to Viscount Grandison and Henry Brounker of Nonsuch House, in Surrey, and the Little and Great Park there, and of the Great Park meadow and Worcester House, and the franchise of freebord and ringwalk without the pales of the said parks, and of the rent of 100*l.* per annum reserved for the Great Park in fee simple at the yearly rent of 10*s.*, with liberty to dispark and reimpark the same. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 9.*]
- Jan. Grant to Cornelius Manley of the office of constable of Harlech Castle, and of the land called the Castle Yard and Castle Green, with the fee of 50*l.* per annum; and also of a weekly market and yearly fair there. [*Ibid.*]
- Jan. Licence to the Earl of Leicester to build on Leicester field and the Bowling Green, with pardon for what is already thereon, and certain restrictive provisoes. [*Ibid. No. 10.*]
- Jan. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to Baptista May 28,000*l.* for the Privy Purse. [*Ibid. No. 11.*]
- Jan. Col. B. Reymes to Thos. Hayter. Asking for the return of his contract left to be signed by the Navy Commissioners, and that he will inquire of Mr. Shales what has been done with his last bill for 826*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.*, which he gave to Mr. Littleton to be split; who otherwise could not pay him the 300*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 92.*]
- Jan. Honor Coffin, widow of ——— Coffin, purser, to Viscount Brounker. Asking him to look on her misery, and saying that she is charged concerning double tickets, and has been here almost three years; and if she could get free of her security, and get her husband's accounts passed, she would willingly go to her home, from which she is eight score miles away. [*Ibid. No. 93.*]
- Feb. 1. Writ extracted from the *Close Roll* 8 H. 3. m. 19, to the sheriff of Suffolk, of *habere faciat estoverium* Sarah wife of Stephen de Frechingfeld from the land of the said Stephen in Frechingfeld and Ilketleshal until the said Stephen treats her as his wife. Extracted by R. Jennyns. Endorsed, "Petition Lady Read. Received 1 February 1670[-1]." [*Latin. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 162.*]

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Oxford.

Dr. Peter Mews to Williamson. I have at Mr. Sandys' request taken an account of his debts contracted since his coming to the University, amounting in all to 104*l*. I very much wonder they are not more, he being now six years' standing, and never receiving but one 5*l*. since he came. Since I have been Vice-Chancellor, his creditors having been very importunate to be permitted to proceed against him, which I have delayed to grant, I have had occasion to observe and inquire after him. I often moved his father by friends and letters, and have had many promises from him, but nothing more. If it be in your power to put him in a way to redeem himself, you will do a very charitable and generous thing. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 163.]

Feb. 1.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. 'Tis uncertain what vessel drove out of the Downs as in my last. Afterwards a Guernseyman's anchors came home, and in a "slatch of weather" he went to sea. Yesterday the wind continued very violent till about 10 p.m. Much mischief was done amongst the ships in the Downs, lying thick and being between 150 and 200 sail. Though the wind continues fair, it is so high that very few of them are under sail. [*Ibid.* No. 164.]

Feb. 1.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. This morning put to sea the *Sampson*, the *Humphrey* and *Elizabeth*, the *East India Merchant*, the *European*, and the *Bombay Merchant*, all for the East Indies, the *Richard* and *John* for the Barbadoes, and several others for Ireland and France, and in the afternoon four Dutch East Indiamen. They stayed before the post came in, because there was a report here that the French King had sent two squadrons of eight and twelve men-of-war to waylay them about the Cape of Good Hope, and that there were a fleet of Dutch men-of-war with some more East Indiamen in the Downs to come after them; but when the post came they received no orders, so put to sea and have had ever since a fair wind. The *Hercules* of Amsterdam also put to sea for the West Indies, it is supposed for some design in the South Sea upon the Spaniards, having many of that nation on board.

Last week was taken at Manegessy near Fowey about 3,000 hogshead of pilchards, a fish not usually taken at this time of year. [*Ibid.* No. 165.]

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Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to James Hickes. [Almost verbatim the same as the last.] [*Ibid.* No. 166.]

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Rev. William Jackson to the King. Petition, stating that Henry, Lord Coleraine, having the right of patronage to the moiety of both churches of St. Peter's and St. Andrew's at Walpole in Norfolk, presented the petitioner thereto, and that the other moiety is in his Majesty's gift, to which he presented the last incumbent, Wenceslaus Libanus, deceased, and praying a grant of the presentation of the rectory of St. Peter's, being the moiety to which his Majesty presented the last incumbent. *At foot,*

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Reference to the Bishop of Oxford to inquire into the petitioner's qualifications, and how the right of presentation became mixed with that of his Majesty, and to report the same to the King. [*Ibid.* No. 167.]

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Feb. 1. Memorandum of the said reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33, p. 145.*]
- Feb. 1. T. P[ovey] to Williamson. Concerning Mr. Martin's testimonials, I minded my Lord Chamberlain's [the Earl of Manchester's] secretary of what was expected on his lord's and his part, of which he promised to be suddenly accountable. It is surely time that his Majesty's commands be reinforced upon those insolent Fellows, that they may be made more sensible of their duty, and compelled to perform it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 168.*]
- Feb. 1. Nicholas Taylour to Williamson. My experience of your favour, Wimborne. from my first entrance into Queen's College till the time of your being a traveller, has given me hope of your granting my request. Being chosen one of the three ministers of Wimborne, and my residence being there required, I got a dispensation from the Bishop of Winton for my absence from a vicarage about twelve miles distant, supplying my place with a curate, which has to be renewed every half-year. I am informed that a dispensation may be granted either by his Majesty, or the Archbishop, or the Court of Faculties for a term of years. Pray direct and assist me in this case. Dr. Lampough will, I doubt not, contribute his assistance. I am one of the servitors of Queen's College in your time, coming into the college under the shelter of your quondam chamber-fellow, Mr. John Shippard, and after waited on Mr. Nanson, having taken a Master's degree. [*Ibid. No. 169.*]
- Feb. 1. ——— to ——— The great Holland fleet that was in the Downs, Dover. about 120 sail, is now passing by. Two of the men-of-war, Admiral and Vice-Admiral, passed by the castle with their flags aloft, one in the main, the other in the foretop. The castle fired at them, but they were out of shot, and so are going along with their flags out. Two others had pendants. [*Extract. Ibid. No. 170.*]
- Feb. 1. Robert Leigh to Williamson. The four packets supposed to be lost arrived this morning. Since my return I have not waited on the Lord Lieutenant, being tied in term time on several juries and attendance on the Courts of Justice, but will do so to-morrow or next day and perform your commands. I will also send an account of the fees received for your use. I return you many humble thanks for your Spanish compliment and English good wishes. I was many a mile from the playhouse when the late tragedy was acted there, but did not altogether escape a share in the misfortune, for besides some friends being hurt there, my prudential or chief minister of state, as you will have it, being in my absence more addicted to his pleasure than my service, was left for dead there. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 15.*]
- Feb. 2. John Carlile to Williamson. I acknowledge your letter of the Dover. 31st, and will correspond with Mr. Ball, one of your clerks, as directed. On Friday last the mayor and jurats caused the Anabaptists' pulpit, forms, and benches to be pulled down, and hung padlocks upon the doors, but upon Sunday morning betimes the staples and locks were broke off, and the Anabaptists went to their old trade again. At

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the Presbyterian meeting-house we could not get in, those that hired it were so obstinate they would not open the door, so we caused a lock to be hanged. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 171.*]

[Feb. 2.] R. Pitt to Prince Rupert. Wilkinson's last letter seeming something dubious, I pressed him to be very industrious to make out the discovery he had promised. Yesterday, early, he sent for me to his lodging in London, and delivered me the enclosed, ready written, and desired me to acquaint your Highness that, if his fidelity be questioned, he will in a day or two produce two or more of those persons. The person who gave him the first information is daily with him, and I have seen him myself several times. I hope his letter will give much satisfaction, for my only end is to serve my King and country. Noted as received 3 Feb. [*Ibid. No. 172.*] *Probably enclosed,*

Feb. 1. R[ichard] W[ilkinson] to Richard Pitt. *I have been to Gravesend according to my promise, and I have certain information that Butler is there at a place called Coneyskin wharf, and I can take him and three or four more of the gang as easily as I write this. Pray deliver the other letter to his Highness, and desire all possible speed in the business. With note by Pitt desiring a speedy answer.* [*Ibid. No. 173.*]

Jan. 27– News-letter. [All the news is in other news-letters, and in John
Feb. 2. Man's of 26 Jan.] [*Ibid. No. 174.*]

Feb. 2. Warrant for making the *Summer Island* a free ship of the kingdom. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 70.*]

Feb. 2. Jonas Shish and J. Uthwat to the Navy Commissioners. Touching Mr. Harrington's deals, we must confess the error in the certificate, but we were misled by the timber measurers, who gave no hint that they were of any other contract than that of 22 Sept. 1670, but we have since rectified the bill. As to the wainscots, the largest is twelve inches, and those excepted against between ten and eleven inches. [*S. P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 94.*]

Feb 2. Contract by Thomas Chambers of Burham, Kent, with Commissioner John Cox, to deliver into the stores 30,000 reed, every sheaf to be fourteen inches in the girt, and five feet and a-half long, one with the other, at 22s. per 1,000, to be paid for on producing his bill. [*Ibid. No. 95.*]

Feb. 2. Certificate by Ph. Pett, that Mr. Wiles employed two teams of
Chatham Dock. horses in pumping the water out of the double dock for the launching of the *Royal Prince*, and that he was forced to shift his horses every three hours and employ three of them at a time most part of the day. [*Ibid. No. 96.*]

Feb. 2. Lord Kingston to Williamson. I am very happy to find the
Dublin. fortune of my family is under your care. There are not many to whose generosity I would be obliged, and fewer on whose diligence I would venture my all. It would be very tedious to tell the

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continued severity imposed on me from the beginning of our settlement, but pray peruse the report from the Chancellor of the Exchequer here to the Lord Lieutenant, and judge how many inquiries and references the whole affair has run through, and how improper it is to be referred again to the Commissioners of the English Treasury, where I cannot attend myself. You may wonder that I stay here and send it over, but I have already consumed so much of my paternal estate in following it that I cannot go thither without ruin. I hope Lord Arlington, on your application, will obtain the King's letter on the reports already sent without further references. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 16.*]

Feb. 2. The Lord Lieutenant to Williamson. I am moved by friends of the Earl of Clanbrassil to procure his appointment as Privy Councillor here. He is a nobleman of great estate and of an ancient family that has merited well of the Crown. Most of the Privy Council are in England or the country, so that sometimes there is no *quorum*. I enclose a draft letter for the King's signature, which pray present with my recommendation to Lord Arlington and return when perfected. [*Ibid. No. 17.*] *Enclosed,*

The said draft. [*Ibid. No. 17i.*]

Feb. 3. Richard Watts to Williamson. Yesterday morning arrived
Deal. another of our pilots from Middleburgh, who says the Change news there was: The French made an attempt on Santa Domingo, but received such a strong repulse from the castle that they left 400 or 500 dead upon the place. The Bishop of Münster's plot against Holland is discovered. Upon the Gold Coast, where the Dutch have a factory, the French gave the natives great bribes to betray the Dutch, which the natives discovered to them, but sent the French word the town should be surrendered, whereupon the French landed, and the town gates opened to them, which made them bold, but not 200 of 15,000 got on board again, being all killed and taken by the Dutch and natives. Zealand sent to the Lords of Holland to make war with the French, for that King had prohibited so many, and set such great duties on Dutch commodities, that they should immediately be beggared unless war was speedily proclaimed. The Zealander is troubled the Prince of Orange is absent so long, and more troubled that they hear the Prince is coming with 30,000 men; this much troubles the weaker sort here and there too. Five billanders laden with fish for Holland, belonging to Flanders, were lost to the southward of Ostend, not one man saved. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 175.*]

Feb. 3. Edward Reynolds, Bishop of Norwich, to Francis Lucy. Concern-
Norwich. ing the rectory of St. Peter's and St. Andrew's in Walpole and reporting that they are both one rectory, the right of presentation to which belongs to the King, and also that there is one vicarage belonging to both the said churches, the right of presentation to which belongs to Lord Coleraine. [*Ibid. No. 176.*]

Feb. 3. James Blackburne to James Hickes. The wind has carried away
Plymouth. all our ships, so that we are barren of news. [*Ibid. No. 177.*]

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[Feb. 3.] The case of Seaford in Sussex, claiming that the right of election was in the inhabitants in general. [*See Commons' Journals IX. 196. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 178.*]

Feb. 3.
Chatham.

Commissioner John Cox to Samuel Pypes (Pepys). Repeating his application that warrants might be sent to the clerk of the cheque as to the number of men to be borne in ordinary on the *Prince* and *St. Andrew*. There being no news of the old quarter's pay, the men are out of sorts and nothing goes forward so well as he would wish. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 97.*]

Feb. 3.
The Downs.

Capt. Thomas Eliot to [the Navy Commissioners]. For the more speedy manning of the *Reserve*, then at Portsmouth, I procured several seamen in Wapping and other parts near London, and gave order to my purser to enter them according to tickets received from the Navy Board; but, as they had to be transported to Portsmouth in the *Spy* and *Kitchen* yachts, the wind being contrary, they did not reach the *Reserve* until 15 Sept. The clerk of the cheque at Portsmouth having been commanded not to enter men before they appeared, has taken no notice of their former time. Therefore I ask that they may not lose their pay, at least from the time they entered the yachts, particularly as their victuals were allowed, and that their expenses incurred from the date of their tickets may be also considered. [*Ibid. No. 98.*]

Feb. 3.
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Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. As the master shipwright judges it necessary that the *Triumph* should be sheathed, not having been done for five years, and having several defects mentioned, I ask for an order therein. I have agreed for the purchase of 67 loads of oak timber at 37s. per load, and 76 loads of elm at 31s. per load, which will be very useful although small, and will save the hewing of larger, which is too much used here. I hope you will not be unmindful of your promise of a supply of money for paying the pressed men their board wages, there being but 20*l.* in the clerk of the cheque's hands towards paying them this week, and the other workmen hope you will help them to their quarter's pay due last Christmas. To secure the reed of those parts I have bought 30,000, otherwise the carpenter that keeps yards here would have done so, and the King's stores have wanted it [*Ibid. No. 99.*]

Feb. 4.
Whitchall.

The Earl of Manchester to Dr. Mark Mapletoft, Master of Pembroke Hall. I find Lord Arlington very instant in pressing to have the *mandamus* for a fellowship in your college executed. He may be of very good use upon other occasions for the advantage of your college, and knows very well how to answer the respect done to him with returns of civilities and kindness to those who shall oblige him. Therefore, I advise you to consider whether it may not be very proper to do what he desires. Endorsed, "Mr. Martin's Fellowship." [*Copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 179.*]

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Feb. 4.

Three news-letters. [Almost identical with each other. The news not given in others, or in the *Fleming Calendar*, p. 75, is:]

30th.—This, being the anniversary for the martyrdom of King Charles I. of ever-blessed memory, was most solemnly kept, the

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Court appearing in their blacks at chapel, before whom was preached a most learned sermon by Dr. Barrow, Bishop of St. Asaph and another by Dr. Outram, before the House of Commons.

31st.—Sir John Coventry came again into the House on their calling over, well recovered of his late wounds. The news of the blows in Guinea between the French fleet and the Dutch Castle Mina is confirmed by letters from Lisbon, which add that the French have landed several sick and wounded, and that their ships have been observed to be much patched on the sails.

2nd.—The great ball intended this week at Court, where were to be their Majesties, and all the principal persons in the Court, is put off till Shrovetide. His Majesty has written to the Basha and government of Tripoli that he is sending a consul thither in a few weeks, and assuring them that he will on his part inviolably keep the treaties and friendship, desiring the same from them.

3rd.—The late great news of the French fleet's defeat at Guinea proves now nothing, for letters from Lisbon say that the French and Spanish ministers there assure our minister that for certain nothing has been done by Count d'Estre on the African coast, more than sounding some ports and bays, but that indeed his men are most sick and feeble, and that he intends thence for Groin to expect a new fleet. The House in a Grand Committee went through the whole Subsidy Bill, except the postponed clauses, being the preamble, those concerning bankers, those concerning defalcations, and those for transferring his Majesty's debts. Yesterday evening was great revelling at Gray's Inn, where his Majesty was present, accompanied by most of the Court in masquerade.

4th.—On Monday next will be a general muster of review of all his Majesty's regiments of horse and foot guards about this town in Hyde Park, where will be present his Majesty, Royal Highness, and Prince of Orange, when they will show something of their martial exercise for his Highness's diversion before his departing into Holland. [12 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 180.]

Feb. 4.
Dublin.

Robert Leigh to Williamson. I enclose a note of the moneys received and paid for your use. I would remit the balance and also Lord Arlington's money, but the exchange is so high, being 6 per cent., I think it better to wait a fortnight. An acquaintance lately proposed to me a discovery of the King's title to certain lands worth 200*l. per annum*. They will expect a share themselves, but looking on the remainder, 150*l. per annum*, as proper for you, I have encouraged them, and will send you a further account. Meanwhile it will be convenient to enter the enclosed *caveat* at the Signet Office. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 18.]

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Licence to the Earl of Desmond to continue six months longer in England. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 7, p. 443.*]

[Feb. ?]

John Maximilian de l'Angle, one of the King's chaplains, to the King. Petition praying to be presented to the rectory of St. Peter's at Walpole. *At foot,*

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Whitehall.

Reference to the Bishop of Oxford thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 181.]

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Lists of the days of departure of the inland, French, Dutch, and other posts, with lists of correspondents and notes when letters were received from each. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 182.]

Feb. 5.
Plymouth.

James Blackburne to James Hickes. The wind continues easterly. The *Speedwell* and the *Four Anns* sailed to-day for the Madeiras, thence to the Leeward Islands. [*Ibid.* No. 183.]

Feb. 5.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of news. [*Ibid.* No. 184.]

Feb. 5.
Dublin Castle.

The Lord Lieutenant to Lord Arlington. Enclosing a letter on behalf of Philip Frowde, one of his secretaries, as he finds it has been usual for the Governor there to recommend such things to the King, and requesting him to offer it for the King's consideration and signature. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 19.] *Enclosed,*

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. After reciting a demise, dated 13 March 1638, from King Charles to Francis Withered of divers lands in the barony of Carbery and county of Cork, for the term of 31 years from the date thereof, at the rents therein specified, directing the Lord Lieutenant to demise all the said premises to Philip Frowde, for the term of 31 years, to commence from 25 March next, at the yearly rent of 27l. 10s. 0d. [Draft. 2 pages. Ibid. No. 191.]

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Robert Leigh to Williamson. Recommending to his favour Mr. Frowde's concern. [*Ibid.* No. 20.]

[Feb. 6.]

Case of Nich. Mosley and his sons, heirs-male of the late Sir Edward Mosley, Bart., against Edward Mosley, an infant. Sir Edward devised his estate to executors for fifteen years for payment of debts, with remainder to the said Edw. Mosley in tail, with remainder to his father in tail, on condition of his investing 7,000*l.* in lands for N. Mosley and his sons, with remainder to the executors in fee simple, upon trust, to settle the estate on whichever of N. Mosley's sons they should think worthiest. The estate being only 2,100*l. per annum*, and much encumbered, is not worth redeeming for 7,000*l.*, yet Edw. Mosley seeks to have the time of redemption extended to bar the reversion from Nicholas and his sons. Reasons against his bill for that purpose passing. [*See Commons' Journals IX.* 196, 197, 201. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 185.]

Feb. 6.

Reference to the Commissioners for Prizes of the petition of Samuel Schaum and others, desiring the deliverance to them of the *King of Sweden*, taken in time of the late war, and seized as prize, but released on their bail. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, p. 145.]

Feb. 6.
Mary yacht,
Dublin.

Capt. Fras. Sharland to [the Navy Commissioners]. Sending two muster books, and asking to have his vessel trimmed about March or April in Dublin, as her plank under water is almost bare, and that they will speak to Sir Denis Gauden to pay him 204*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*, due two years since, for provisions, as the creditors he owes most of it to will not believe but that he has had it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 100.]

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Feb. 6. Roger Howen to Thos. Hayter. I received the bill returned, with an order that my hand is to be put to all made out for the rope-yard, but having been so fully occupied with reference to my balance for this yard, which I hope to render next week, I have not been able to concern myself about it, but will commence upon it from 1 January as soon as I can, which will then include all new receipts. As the one enclosed was for things before January, I beg to be excused from signing it, not being willing to lose so much time in going to examine it, and so send it back without concerning myself about it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 101.*]

Feb. 6. Contract by Stephen Pyend of Rochester, with Commissioner John Cox, for 2,500 Holland pantiles, at 3*l.* per 1,000, to be paid for upon producing his bill. [*Copy. Ibid. No. 102.*]

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Leghorn.

Sir Thos. Clutterbuck to the Navy Commissioners. I send copy of my letter of the 9th, and recommend it to your consideration, not having received a line since. I have this day passed a bill upon you for 168*l.*, payable two months after date to Signor Cosimo Casaccia, and ask for its punctual discharge, noting it to my last account. There must be a more than ordinary punctuality at home to purchase esteem for the public credit, as the victuallers by their ill dealings have laid it as low as it can be, and some bad spirits of our own nation privately and dangerously aggravate it. It would be some comfort and satisfaction to hear that my bills, for which the victuallers have credit, were at last discharged, so that I might hear no further laments. The *Italian Merchant* and *Martin* have arrived from Zante and Messina, and wait Capt. Poole's arrival, who is expected to bring a store of ships from Zante and Galipoli in ten or twelve days, which shall not stay one hour for their provisions. [2 pages. *Ibid. No. 103.*]

Jan. 31— Two news-letters. [Almost identical with the last calendared.
Feb. 7, and The only fresh news is :]

Jan. 31— 6th.—His Majesty with the Prince of Orange and most of the nobility and [chief] gentry were present to-day in Hyde Park to [show] all his Majesty's regiment of horse and foot guards, with a train of artillery for the few (? view) of his Highness the Prince of Orange. Yesterday was a duel between Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Churchill, esquires, who had for their seconds Mr. Harpe and Mr. Newport, son to my Lord Newport; it ended with some wounds to Mr. Churchill, but no danger of life.

7th.—In the Committee on the Subsidy Bill it was resolved that anyone having money owing from the bankers, if they think it expedient, shall enforce the bankers to transfer his or their debts upon the security of the said subsidy. 'Tis thought the Prince of Orange will return for Holland the beginning of next week, much taken with his entertainment. The Lords in a Committee have been this week debating the assault on the Duke of Ormonde, and have had brought before them several depositions against one Washwhite and one Fletcher, on some suspicious words spoken by them. [8 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, Nos. 186, 187.*]

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Feb. 7. Report by [Sir Trevor Williams] from the committee appointed to inquire into the causes of the growth of Popery. [*This is in substance and generally in language identical with that printed in Commons' Journals IX. 203, except that there is nothing corresponding to Clause 9 in the printed report. 1½ page. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 188.*]

Feb. 7. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Adventure* frigate went
Portsmouth. yesterday to Spithead on her way for the Straits to join Sir Edward Spragg. [*Ibid. No. 189.*]

Feb. 7. Privy seal for 1,000*l.* to George Lord Douglas, of his Majesty's free gift. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 71.*]

Docquet thereof dated 9 February. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 15.*]

Feb. 7. John Mason to the Navy Commissioners. Asking them to re-
Maidstone. member their promise when he made his last contract, that they would pay him ready money for every 100 loads he served in; stating that he has delivered about 1,000, but has not received any, and could have sold it to better advantage and had his money before now, but because of the love and respect he had for the Board would not do so until they had refused it; and hoping they will take a speedy course to help him, so as to enable him to comply with his contract and do further service, as he has run himself into debt and cannot keep out of prison except they pay all, or a considerable part, to his son Stephen, the bearer. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 104.*]

Feb. 7. Grant to Viscount Grandison and Edw. Villiers of rents of 58*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.*, 90*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.*, and 105*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.*, issuing out of the three lordships of Cottingham in Yorkshire from Michaelmas 1671, during the life of G. Kirke, and of 63*l.* 10*s.* 3½*d.*, 104*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.*, and 108*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.* out of the same for 99 years from the same date, and of 24*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* out of the lordship of Sheriff Hutton in the same county for 99 years from the death of the said Kirke, and of 57*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* and 2 lbs. of pepper out of the manor of Nafferton for 99 years after the Queen's decease or sooner determination of her estate if the said Kirke shall so long live, and of 69*l.* 0*s.* 1*d.* and 2 lbs. of pepper out of the same for 99 years after the Queen's decease or sooner determination of her estate if Kirke be then dead, and if he be then living for 99 years from his decease, and of 5*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* out of the said manor for 99 years from the decease or sooner determination of the estate of the Queen, reserving three rents of 10*s.* each. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 12.*]

Feb. 7. Philip Frowde to Williamson. Asking him the favour of hastening his business as much as he can. The letter was drawn by the Attorney-General, so contains nothing prejudicial to the King. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 21.*]

Feb. 8. Order in Council on the petition of Dame Alismond Read.
Whitehall. [*Printed in Lords' Journals XII. 462. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 190.*]

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Feb. 8. Falmouth. Thomas Holden to Williamson By a vessel from Ostend bound for Ireland I am informed that at Dunkirk they have order to furnish that place with all sorts of provisions, both for men and horses, for the French King intends to be there next spring with 30,000 men, but where his design is is uncertain; and by a vessel from Middelburgh of the confirmation of the imposition on all butter, cheese, beef, and bacon brought in by any of the other provinces not united. A vessel that came here in ten days from Port Lewis in France says there was then ready in that port four French merchantmen, two of very great burden bound for the East Indies with a person of quality said to be a Governor of some place there. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 191.]
- Feb. 8. Thomas Holden to James Hicke. To the same purport as the last. [*Ibid.* No. 192.]
- Feb. [8]. Whitehall. Warrant to Captain Francis Berkeley, gamekeeper within ten miles of Whitehall, empowering and requiring him if any person shall hunt or kill any of the King's game within ten miles of Whitehall, to seize and detain any greyhounds, mongrels, setting dogs, guns, trammels, tunnels, nets, and all other engines employed for that purpose, and to arrest and signify to the Privy Council the names of the persons so offending. *Sign manual.* Countersigned, "Arlington." [*On parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II., Case C.*]
- Feb. 8. Minute thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 71.*]
- Feb. [8 ?] Similar warrant to Sir Eliab Harvey for the preservation of the game within ten miles of Hempsted in Essex. [*On parchment. S.P. Dom. Car. II., Case C.*]
- Feb. 8. Warrant to the Lord Chancellor for granting to Robert, Lord Mandeville, the custody of the person and estate of John Creese of Gloucestershire, found an idiot by inquisition. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 25, f. 191.*]
- Feb. 8. Warrant to the Clerk of the Signet to prepare a warrant to the Commissioners of the Treasury, increasing the payment to John Worden, Envoy Extraordinary to the King of Sweden, for his entertainment, from 4*l.* to 5*l. per diem.* [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 97.*]
- Feb. 8. Caveat in favour of Dr. Davis and the Bishop of St. Asaph, that nothing pass of a presentation to the rectory of Worthing, co. Salop, on the death or resignation of Mr. Seddon, the present incumbent. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 32, p. 11.*]
- [Feb. ?] Sir G. Rawdon and W. Brett, trustees for the Duke of Albemarle and others, to the King. Petition praying the removal of all stops to their proceedings by *Quo Warranto* against the pretended Portreeve and Freemen of Athboy concerning houses and lands there. *On the back,*
- Feb. 8. Reference thereof to the Commissioners of the Treasury and the Committee for Ireland. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 21A.]
- Feb. 8. Another copy of the reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33, p. 145.*]

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Feb. 8. Reference to the Commissioners of the Treasury of Mr. Brounker's petition desiring a lease of lands in Kent for 41 years on the expiration of the present leases. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33, p. 146.*]
- Feb. 8. Warrant to Henry Harris to cut a seal after the model in a paper annexed. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 71.*]
- Feb. 8. Warrant to the Attorney-General to prepare a grant to Sir Thomas Chicheley, Master of the Ordnance, of the office of Master of the Armoury, vacant by the death of William Legg, the same to be annexed to the office of Master of the Ordnance. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35A, f. 21.*]
- Feb. 8.
Deal. B. St. Michel to Thos. Hayter. Asking for eight or nine blank tickets for Capt. Steele, he having discharged some of his men and entered others. The captain has taken a prize with sixteen bags of wool. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 105.*]
- Feb. 8. Contract by Charles Newland of East Cowes, merchant, with Commissioner John Tippetts, to deliver into the stores at Portsmouth 56 masts of sizes mentioned, at prices varying from 7s. to 2l. 8s. 0d. apiece. [*Ibid. No. 106.*]
- Feb. 8. Col. B. Reymes to Saml. Peppes (Pepys). Hoping his late stay at the Treasury Chamber last night has procured him some money, and consequently his present debate is which of his pressing necessities he shall satisfy first; but as he dare not determine this, hoping that his will not be forgotten, as it is but 300l. [*Ibid. No. 107.*]
- Feb. 8. Grant to Sir Samuel Morland of 3,000l., payable out of the Excise in London and Westminster by eight equal quarterly payments, the first at Lady Day next. [2 copies. *Docquets, Vol. 25, Nos. 13, 14.*]
- Feb. 8. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay Sir Thomas Lynch 666l. 13s. 4d. as a free gift for his services in Candia against the Turks. [*Ibid. No. 14.*]
- Feb. 8.
Lisburn. Sir George Rawdon to Viscount Conway. Mostly on business matters, particularly a loan of 1,000l. till next Michaelmas from the Rev. Henry Maxwell of Finnabroge, co. Down, and concerning the building of the stables. I am very thankful for your invitation to Ragley, but, considering my age and business here, I have little hope of any more journeys to England, and expect a longer at God's appointed time. I hope my two sons will be much improved at Kilkenny in the year they stay there. I shall afterwards, according to your advice, send them to Cambridge or Oxford. Our three daughters are very healthful and well humoured. Mr. Wilkins is shortly expected, whom I presented to this living, a man of singular piety, learning, and an excellent preacher, now Vice-Provost of the college at Dublin. Mr. Mathews stays with us in the meantime. Dean Hopkins expects to be a bishop, and excused himself from coming to us. I have no news to return but of thieving about us; two horses were stolen two nights ago out of a stable of a tenant at Ballinderry. The half walks are making behind the

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house, and some of the earth is disposed for a dam to make a rare and useful pond in the orchard. [3 pages. *Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 22.*]

[Feb. ?] Eleanor Robarts to Williamson. Requesting him to take into consideration and to speak on behalf of her son Patritius, now at the College in Dublin, she not being in a condition to provide for him, having five other children and but little for them, and his tutor fearing that his legacy of 50*l.* from Dr. Lingard will never be paid. Noted as received 8 Feb. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 23.*]

[Feb. ?] Eleanor Robarts to ———. Requesting him to speak to Lord Aungier on her son's behalf. [*Ibid. No. 23A.*]

Feb. 9. Richard Watts to Williamson. No foreign news. The domestic Deal. is that the Parliament jars much amongst themselves. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 193.*]

Feb. 9. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of Portsmouth. news. [*Ibid. No. 194.*]

Feb. 9. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. Commissioner Cox's Chatham Dock. inquiry concerning the masts of the *Newcastle* was not as to their quality, but who were the merchants that served them, in which I was not able to give satisfaction. I do not believe the storekeeper could, as no distinction is made in laying each merchant's goods by themselves when received. I understand that when stores are received, it is my duty to see that they are fit for the service, and to write in the storekeeper's book for all masts wanting, and to take notice that no waste is made by the mastmaker. If Commissioner Cox had desired the nature of the wood the masts were made of, the storekeeper's book would have given him full satisfaction, which I told him, and that I could not give the names of the merchants that supplied them, and that I did not think it was any part of my duty to keep such an account. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 108.*]

Feb. 9. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay the Prince of Orange 180,000*l.* in discharge of 40,000*l.* of the marriage portion of the late Princess of Orange, and of 53,090*l.* due to him from the King, and of all interest thereon, the first payment of 40,000*l.* to be made at Christmas next, and from thence by payments of 20,000*l.* half-yearly, the privy seal of 20 July 1664 for payment thereof to be vacated. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 15.*]

Feb. 10. Order in Council that Lord Arlington prepare himself on Whitehall. Wednesday next to give his Majesty an account of Mr. Martin's pretensions to satisfaction for ships taken by the French, and other damages sustained from them since the conclusion of the treaty of Breda. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 195.*]

Feb. 10. William Wakeman to James Hickes. Reporting the arrival of the Barnstaple. *Loyalty* from Virginia, with tobacco, which the master reports to be very scarce there. [*Ibid. No. 196.*]

Feb. 10. James Blackborne to James Hickes. Captain Heaton, a special Plymouth. friend of mine, being in London, I have sent a small token by him to drink a bottle of Canary with yourself and Mr. Lambe. [*Ibid. No. 197.*]

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Hedley.

Dr. J. Beeby to Williamson. I am now removed further from you than if I had been at Leghorn, there being no posthouse near me, for though Alton be but five miles distant, they are so negligent in that office that unless I send a messenger on purpose I can have no letter thence. Unless you stand my friend, I shall be horribly abused by the Provost [of Queen's College, Oxford] and his creatures, who have combined to defraud me of above 130*l.* due to me from the college. I have left my Bursar's books with Mr. Halton, who can inform you fully in the matter. Would you but write to Mr. Provost and desire him to call Mr. Halton to cast up with him how much my error came to in the two years I was Bursar, you would very much oblige me. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 198.] *Probably enclosed,*

Two papers, one in Dr. Beeby's hand, stating his case, to the effect that by mistake, in 1662, when he gave up the Bursarship, he overpaid the college, and inquiring what remedy he had. [Ibid. Nos. 198I, 198II.]

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Certificate by Walter Blandford, Bishop of Oxford, that the right of presentation to the rectory of Walpole is wholly in the King, Lord Coleraine being patron only of the vicarage. The petitioners are both of good parts and learning, but one is clerk of the pretending patron, the other a Frenchman, not yet perfect in the English tongue, and not capable of serving the cure at present except by a substitute. [*Ibid. No. 199.*]

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Warrant for a grant to Edward Bertie of the office of filing affidavits in the Court of Chancery. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 25, f. 192.*]

Feb. 10.

Welcome, Hope.

Capt. John Willgress to the Navy Commissioners. I formerly acquainted you about the stowage of 90 bags of bread between the decks, and having this day taken a survey of it, I found 20 or 30 lbs. in each of the bottom bags mouldy, notwithstanding I ordered deals and billets to be laid under them. I ask an order for spending the bread now in petty warrant, as it has been on board more than four months, and that what I may so use may be allowed before my going to sea. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 109.]

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Cork.

Peter Bronsdon to the Navy Commissioners. I received the copy of your contract with Sir Frecheville Hollis for timber and plank, but there are not 50 loads ready, and I fear you must not expect a ship-load until June, as sound timber is not plentiful and there is very little that is young and large. I went towards Killmar River to view the woods, but when within thirteen miles of it I was obliged to return through the badness of the ways and weather, but I have viewed several other woods lying in this part of the country, and although they are taken here to be very good, I do not find them so, as they waste all their best timber in making barrel staves. I ask you to send the least scantling that may be expected for compass timber and knees, as the timber will prove small, a piece making a load being taken there for a very great piece, and they cannot draw it from many of the woods if bigger. I may have 300 loads of compass and knees delivered at Kinsale by the end of September at 28*s.* per load, but hope to get it cheaper when I am better acquainted.

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I have been treating about the price of 3-foot tree nails, to be delivered at Kinsale, and can have them at 48s. per 1,000. I am waiting an opportunity to go again to Killmar River to view Sir Wm. Petty's woods, and will then return to Cork and thence to the Shelala Woods, believing it will be the end of May before a shipload of Sir Frecheville's timber can be brought to the waterside. As the money impressed to me is nearly spent in defraying my charges, and as you have put me upon a longer stay, I desire that some more may be paid to me at Cork. I will give a further account of the woods Sir Frecheville Hollis is concerned in and of their proceedings there, in my next, as they are going to fell some timber that will not flay.

[1½ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 110.]

Feb. 10. The Lord Lieutenant and the Privy Council of Ireland to Lord Arlington. Representing the impossibility of carrying out the King's order in his letters of 24 Dec., to cause a pension of 400*l. per annum* to the Earl of Castlehaven to be inserted in the present establishment without breach thereof, and desiring his further pleasure therein. [2 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 24.]

Feb. 10. Order in Council to Lord Arlington, to prepare a letter to the Lord
Whitehall. Lieutenant of Ireland requiring him to permit the petitioner, Sir William Bucknall, one of the farmers of the revenue there, to export to England 25,000*l.* either in English money or of such species as are there, and to direct one of the King's ships to transport the same without charge. [*Ibid.* No. 25.]

Feb. 11. Order in Council, referring the petition of the merchants of the Western parts to the Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations. [*Calendared in S.P. Col., America, &c.*, 1669-1674, p. 143, where it is dated 11 Jan. 1½ page. *S.P. Dom. Car. II.* 287, No. 200.]

Feb. 11. John Pocock to James Hickes. Three small vessels arrived on
Weymouth. Tuesday and Wednesday from Croyzeca (Croisic) say there were 40 Dutch, French, and English lost in the late storm on the French coast. Stopping at Port Lewis, they saw four ships preparing for the East Indies for the French Company, one of 60 and one of 40 guns, and the others flutes. The same days came into Portland Roads 30 sail of Hollanders and French; the Dutch, except three bound for Smyrna, bound for St. Tovies (St. Ubes in Portugal) for salt, and the French for the Bank of Newfoundland. [*Ibid.* No. 201.]

Feb. 11. Dr. John Pearson, Master, to Williamson. We received a man-
Trinity College, Cambridge. date to make Sir (*Dominus*) Chare Fellow of our College, which we endeavoured to prevent, foreseeing it would in all probability prejudice the next whole year, and make them wholly incapable who are very hopeful and deserving. But finding Lord Arlington's hand, I was loth to make any remonstrance or demur, and therefore we admitted him the day we received the mandate. Now, my acquaintance with yourself is not unknown, I do not desire it should be, but am rather ambitious of the contrary; if, therefore, anything proceed out of that office which may appear prejudicial to the College, I cannot stand clear in men's opinions. I am therefore forced to desire you to be so kind to me as not to see any such thing pass upon our College, without my knowledge; if this be not

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too great a presumption in me to desire. Howsoever, at present be pleased not to countenance any person who shall desire the same favour for a Conduct's place with us, we having provided those places to be conferred upon such as were in Sir Chare's case, and denied it only to one who is generally esteemed unfit for it. I hope you are of opinion that I endeavour to advance all deserving persons to the best of my power. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 202.*]

Feb. 11. John Carr to Williamson. I have been Deputy Professor of Christ's College, Cambridge, Physic for Dr. Glisson these ten years, and managed the chair so that he designed, and every one expects, me to be his successor. Now I have intelligence that one Dr. Brady is endeavouring to get the reversion without Dr. Glisson's knowledge or consent. His Majesty was moved two or three years ago in my behalf, and then it was thought fit that no reversion of such a place should be granted. I beseech you therefore to endeavour to stop it now; or if there be any likelihood of a grant, to move for me to my Lord Arlington for the reversion. On the least hint I will come up if you judge it necessary. [*Ibid. No. 203.*]

[Feb. ?] Robert Brady, M.D., Master of Caius College, to the King. Petition praying for a grant in reversion of the Professorship of Physic at Cambridge after Dr. Francis Glisson. [*Ibid. No. 204.*]
Perhaps annexed,

*Account of Rob. Brady's conduct and sufferings for twelve years past. That he was declared traitor in 1649 for his loyalty, and escaped for his life, when his brother and twenty-two others were murdered. That he escaped to Holland and lived abroad, till being almost starved he returned to England, and took his degree of M.B., but was hindered by Cromwell from that of M.D., and several times confined, but lived by practice of physic, and was much employed about the Restoration. With certificate by Sir Horatio Townshend and others in his favour. [*Ibid. No. 204I.*]*

Feb. 10-11. News-letter. 10th.—On the recommendation of the Prince of Orange, his Majesty yesterday knighted Monsieur Rompf, his Highness's physician. 11th.—Yester-evening his Royal Highness's little daughter was carried to be baptized by the Lady Elizabeth Howard, daughter to the Earl of Suffolk, in the Duke's private chapel, where the ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Oxford, his Majesty and the Prince of Orange being godfathers, and her Majesty (for whom stood the Duchess of Bucks) and the present Marchioness of Worcester godmothers, who gave to it the name of Katherine. The Prince of Orange means certainly to return for Holland next Monday. His Majesty has commanded the Earl of Ossory to attend him to his embarkation, and has given him assignments of the payment of the debts due from this Crown to him. His Highness leaves behind a gentleman to take care of the same in his absence. [*3½ pages. Ibid. No. 205.*]

Feb. 11. John Shish to the Navy Commissioners. Asking for a warrant to Woolwich. enter such shipwrights as may be required. The business is hindered because the smith wants iron to carry on the work.

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Noted by Sam. Pepys that it was read at the Board, but not granted in consideration of the present sickliness of the place, and of the want of money to pay the workmen they have, and of materials wherewith to employ more. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 111.]

Feb. 11. Hugh, Lord Glenawly, to Lord Brouncker. I was in hopes, according to his Royal Highness's last resolution, that your lordship and the rest of the Navy Commissioners would have ordered some persons of understanding to have viewed the masts which lie in the river, to the great prejudice of the owners, from whom I have received letters complaining of their dilatory usage, and non-performance. I am loth to trouble your lordship and the Board with a matter so disliked, but having engaged myself, and laid out my money, in hopes of serving his Majesty, I did not expect such delays. I ask you not only to order a time and to appoint the persons who are to view, but also those who are to receive them, and I will appoint two mastmakers to meet those appointed; an answer by the bearer is requested. [*Ibid.* No. 112.]

Feb. 11. Oliver Hardiman, purser, to [Thos. Hayter]. Asking him to send him twelve pay books, so that he may split his books as the years pass, and be ready when the time comes for paying off. [*Ibid.* No. 113.]
Revenge,
Cadiz Bay.

Feb. 11. Contract by Jas. Goffe of Rochester with Commissioner John Cox to deliver into the stores at Chatham 67 loads of oak timber at 37s. per load, and 76 loads of elm at 31s. per load, to be paid for on producing his bill. [*Ibid.* No. 114.]

[Feb. ?] Petition of Barnet Caple and Wm. Ashton, mariners, to the Navy Commissioners, for the grant of an allowance for loss of clothes, &c.; stating that they served in the *Merlin* galley until she was taken in an engagement with the Dutch during the war, when they sustained considerable loss, for which they have not received a penny, while the rest of the company have; and that they are willing to serve in the expedition to the Straits, but lack the necessaries to fit them out. *At foot,*

Feb. 11. Order by Viscount Brouncker, Thos. Middleton, and Sir
 Navy Office. Jeremy Smith that the same allowance be granted to them as the others had, if it be not already allowed. Noted by C. G. that he has found the petitioners stand clear upon the ship's books as to clothes, but that their tickets have been paid, and that others of the same ship have received an allowance of 2l. a man in consideration of their losses when the ship was taken. [*Ibid.* No. 115.]

Feb. 11. The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. Authorizing them
 Whitehall. to permit Colonel Gilbert Ker to come and reside in Scotland, on giving security for good behaviour. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 90.*]

Feb. 11. Warrant for the appointment of James Beanes as the King's
 Whitehall. master-wright in Scotland. [*Ibid.* p. 91.]

Feb. 12. James Blackborne to James Hickes. Only a few Flemish ships
 Plymouth. arrived, and the *Adventure* from London, all bound for Nantes.

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The *Honour* of this town reports from Jamaica that twenty-five privateers there are ready to sail, five of which came out with her. On what design they are going is kept very private. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 206.]

[Feb. ?] John St. Leger to the King. Petition praying for a grant in part discharge of debts due to his father, the late Sir W. St. Leger, of all sums due to the Crown from the estate of George Carleton, deceased, late Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper in Ireland. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 25A.]

Feb. 12. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing a grant as prayed to J. St. Leger. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 7, p.* 444.]

Feb. 13. Lord Ashley and Sir Thomas Clifford, Commissioners of the Treasury to the King. Report on the petition of Lord Buckhurst, referred to them by order of 8 July last, for a grant of the ground whereon the Great Wardrobe stood before the burning of London; finding that King Henry VI. granted many privileges to the Keeper of the Wardrobe, amongst others that no officer should have power to enter to make arrests, which grant was confirmed and enlarged by Queen Mary by letters patent, whereby the Wardrobe was made a body corporate for ever and a free place exempt from the jurisdiction of the Corporation, and the Keeper of the Great Wardrobe was empowered to let the houses, &c., thereto belonging, and the tenants were exempted from paying all taxes and duties and from bearing any offices in the civil government and from being compelled to keep watch or ward, with divers other privileges, which were likewise confirmed by Queen Elizabeth and King James, and further that by the report of Sir Charles Harbord, the Surveyor-General, it appeared that for a building lease for 60 years it might yield about 5s. a foot fronting every way, 50 feet in depth, which containing about 400 feet in front would amount to about 100*l. per annum*, which said grounds and houses were granted to the Earl of Sandwich, Master of the Great Wardrobe, for his life, for which he had been lately given compensation, and stating their opinion, that if there are any tenants entitled to any part of the said grounds, who have not been compensated, Lord Buckhurst ought to compound with them, if the ground be granted him. [*1½ page. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 207.]

Feb. 13. Luke Bourne to Henry Ball, secretary to Williamson. Last Friday
Hull. two ships sailed for Bordeaux and one for Holland with lead, cloth, and other goods of these parts. Yesterday arrived two ships from London, and a billander from Flanders. [*Ibid. No.* 208.]

Feb. 13. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. The 10th arrived the *Claude*
Falmouth. of Havre de Grace. She came out with forty more, all bound for Burnesse to take in salt for the Bank, but meeting with foul weather she sprang a great leak, and was forced to put in here. The 11th, the *Angel Gabriel* came in, bound for Fial. The 5th, about twenty leagues from Ussing (Ushant), she met with such foul weather that she lost her main and mizen masts and most of her sails and rigging, and with great difficulty got here to refit. [*Ibid. No.* 209.]

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Feb. 8-13. News-letter. 8th.—Our last letters from Riga say that the rebels in Russia, commanded by Stephen Radzin, had given the Emperor's troops a very great defeat. Many were slain, among them many persons of quality and great officers of the army. The country was put into no small disturbance, and it may be the cause of the change of affairs in that empire.

9th.—Last night, about ten, happened a sudden and most dangerous fire in some old houses in the Round Court in the Strand, which consumed the best part of three or four, and two that were blown up, to the no small damage of the inhabitants.

13th.—To-day the Prince of Orange departed for Holland, accompanied by the Earl of Ossory, most extremely taken with his entertainment here. Letters from Spain say that an English captive put on shore affirms that but fourteen of the men escaped to Algiers out of their men-of-war lately taken by Sir Edward Spragg, and that those people were driven to so great necessities for want of masts and other ship furniture, that it was thought they would not long hold out in their contempt of peace with us. [4 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 210.]

Feb. 13. Anthony Thorold to James Hicke. On Saturday arrived the
Lyme. *Mary* from Morlaix, and to-day the *Elizabeth* from St. Malo and the *Charity* from Croisic. In all these ports a war with Holland is generally talked of, and they advise that the King has summoned 50,000 carpenters, masons, and other workmen to Brest for building a fort there for the security of his shipping. The *Charity* saw at Port Lewis seven great ships near fitted for the East Indies, one of above 1,000 tons. [*Ibid.* No. 211.]

Feb. 13. Dr. Edmund Boldero to Williamson. I am much satisfied by your
Snaylwell. letter and that of the Earl of Manchester to the Dean of Ely, on Mr. Martin's son's behalf. I know the Dean's temper and intentions so well that I am of opinion another *mandamus* must be sent, and that a peremptory one. I suppose Lord Arlington will wait to see what return will be made; but if another mandate be needful, I beg leave to give you another letter before it come to the college, being acquainted with their statutes and customs, and, if necessary, I can prove there has been a fellowship statutably void these three years, as I believe their answer will be that they have none void, and do not know when they shall have any. [*Ibid.* No. 212.]

Feb. 13. Warrant for including in the next general pardon Lewis Sulpice
Jonquieres and Martin de Carbonel, sentenced to death for robbery. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 71.]

Feb. 13. B. St. Michel to Thos. Hayter. I have received the tickets for
Deal. Capt. Steele, which I will deliver, take a receipt for, and return when I see him. I beg to be remembered to Mr. Hewers, Mr. Whitfield, and the rest of your brethren. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 116.]

Feb. 13. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I received
Chatham. your order for supplying Mr. Ruffhead with iron, and ordered the sorting of it, but found the major part of more service than dis-

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posing of it to him at the price of old. I have, however, weighed him nearly 43 cwt., but that will help but little, and unless he supplies himself the ships cannot be launched this next spring, and the workmen must stand still. I have given order for sheathing the *Triumph* with inch-and-a-quarter board. The merchants will be content with my payment for the reed, timber, and 2,500 pantiles which I was forced to buy at a dearer rate to finish the roof of the reed house. I endeavour all I can to satisfy the workmen of your Honours' daily endeavours to supply them with a quarter's pay and the pressed men with their board wages, and doubt not the former will be orderly and be persuaded to follow their work, but the others are an unruly crew. Three weeks' are due to them next Friday, and they were much discontented the last, but I shall use my best means to keep them to their work. The days being lengthened the work rides apace. I am of opinion that there is more done daily now than there was in a day and a half two months since. I will take care that directions are given to the storekeeper to deliver all the old junk which is unfit for the Navy to the Ordnance officers. I ask for ten labourers, the mending of the wharves and docks being in hand and there being much digging up of the earth. I return Mr. Pett's letter and wonder at his confidence in writing such an untruth, remembering that my reason for asking him what wood the *Newcastle's* mast was made of was to satisfy your Honours, who wished to know whether there were any of Mr. Stockman's masts used which came from Deptford, but he could not tell, and promised to ask the mastmaker, which he never did, but the quality of the masts or who were the particular merchants that they were received from was never asked. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 117.]

Feb. 13. Contract by William Oxford of Gosport, timber merchant, with
Portsmouth. Commissioner John Tippetts, to deliver into the stores at Portsmouth, before 25 April then next, 15 loads of oak plank of sizes mentioned at 3*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* and 3*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* per load, and two loads of ash plank at 3*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* per load, to be paid in due course according to the date of the bills for the same. [*Ibid.* No. 118.]

Feb. 13. Contract by the same with the same, to deliver into the same stores 90 loads of elm timber of sizes mentioned at 35*s.* per load, one-half to be delivered within a month and the residue before 31 May. [*Ibid.* No. 119.]

Feb. 13. Contract by John Fachen of Hambleton, Southampton, timber
Portsmouth. merchant, with the same, to deliver into the same stores by 25 March 50 loads of oak timber, to be chosen by the master shipwright or such as he shall appoint out of 70 loads, at 34*s.* per load, to be paid in course according to the date of his bill. [*Ibid.* No. 120.]

Feb. 13. Contract by Thos. Derrick of Alverstoke, Southampton, brick-
Portsmouth. maker, with the same, to deliver into the same stores by the end of June 10,000 bricks at 12*s.* 6*d.* per 1,000, and 24 quarters of lime at 3*s.* 8*d.* per quarter, to be paid in course according to the date of his bill. [*Ibid.* No. 121.]

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Feb. 13. Grant of denization to John St. Clemens. [*Calendared in S.P. Col., America, &c.*, 1669-74, p. 162. 2 copies. *Docquets*, Vol. 25, Nos. 16, 17.]

Feb. 13. The Lord Lieutenant and the Privy Council of Ireland to Lord Arlington. On the 10th instant a petition was exhibited at this Board in the name of several adventurers, soldiers, '49 officers, and Connaught purchasers, on behalf of themselves and others the King's subjects of this his kingdom of Ireland, who have in pursuance of the Acts of Settlement and Explanation received settlement in lands here. They allege they are informed that some persons endeavour to disturb the said settlement, and of their own heads, without any public authority or leave, attempt to beget a dislike in his Majesty of so firm a settlement, and in particular that Col. Richard Talbot has lately presented a petition, which they conceive strikes at the Acts of Settlement and Explanation and the execution of them, and the very integrity of the Parliament itself, and has procured an order from his Majesty and Council. They therefore make suit to us to consider thereof, expressing that though they are far from apprehending that any invasion can by such attempts be made on the said Acts or the execution of them, yet desiring us to take into consideration how far the very noise and reports occasioned thereby may discourage those who do not consider what the securities of two Acts of Parliament are, from proceeding in improvement, manufacture, and trade, the payment of the year's value and other moneys due to his Majesty, as also the tenants from payment of their rent, and indispose many of the English nation and others to come into or settle in this kingdom, and desiring us to take such a course as might for the future prevent such dangerous undertakings. We observed it to be subscribed but by few hands, but those who presented it affirm they have authority and may have the subscriptions of very many more of all interests, but that would look too like a tumultuary way of petitioning. We look upon that application in derogation of the said Acts as a matter of very dangerous consequence, especially in this juncture, and seeming not only to endeavour to cast all things here into those dreadful confusions out of which this kingdom has been redeemed, but also to reflect even upon his Majesty's government, and therefore we esteem it our duty to transmit the said petition and the copy of the order therein mentioned and to desire you to acquaint his Majesty therewith, observing that by the 19th article of his instructions to the Lord Lieutenant, his Majesty has declared that no complaint of injustice or oppression be admitted in England unless it appear that the party first made his address to the Lord Lieutenant. We also observe that persons who presumed to petition the King against the proceedings of his ministers here for his service on letters from the Earl of Strafford were by the King's command then sent out of England hither as prisoners. We remind you of the example of former times in cases of less dangerous consequence, not as invoking rigour from the King against such complainers, but that he may know who can best judge of how dangerous consequences petitions of that nature may be, and how the perils that may there-

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upon follow to his Majesty and to this his kingdom and people in all their interests may be rather now seasonably prevented than afterwards remedied. [3 pages. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 26.] *Enclosed,*

1. *The said petition, signed by Sir H. Ingoldsby, Sir Charles Meredyth, Thomas Juxon, and two others. (The purport sufficiently appears by the above letter.) [Ibid. No. 26I.]*
2. *Copy of the order in Council of 18 January, calendared above, p. 30. [Ibid. No. 26II.]*
3. *Copy of the said letter from the Lord Deputy and Council to Secretary Coke, dated 14 Dec. 1635. The first part relates to the Presidential powers in the town and county of Galway granted to the late Earl of St Albans, the fort at Galway and the companies there and elsewhere in Connaught, and the steps to be taken for putting the King's title to the county of Galway to a legal trial. It proceeds thus: There came lately to our view a copy of a petition to his Majesty by Sir Roger O'Shaughnessy, Patrick Darcy, and Richard Martin, stating themselves deputed agents by the freeholders of county Galway, which petition is untrue and scandalous, and as they have assumed the title of agents, which in itself we judge an offence of a high nature deserving exemplary punishment, so have they presumed to misinform his Majesty in point of title, to prejudice the just and equal proceedings of us his ministers, and to venture uncalled audaciously to interpose in his Majesty's counsels, offering to propound ways and means herein for his service, whereas their aim is pertinaciously to act there what they had conspired here in derogation of his Majesty's just right and undoubted title to those lands. Considering it is most apparent that their departure hence without licence and their exhibiting such a tumultuary petition proceeded rather from their own private humours and particular disaffection to his Majesty's intendments than from any true sense of public grief or any just occasion given them to complain, and considering that if the least encouragement be given to such persons there is no possibility to proceed with success in anything his Majesty shall propound here for the good of his kingdom, but that he shall be continually troubled with clamours of this extravagant nature: we beseech that those agents, or rather conspirators, may not be listened to for any composition, no overture from them being able to counterbalance the weight of honour and advantage which this service will undoubtedly produce to the Crown, but that, in case they object nothing criminally against us, they may be returned hither as prisoners to be proceeded withal according to the laws, that his people may see how much his Majesty dislikes such popular and tribune-like opposers of his designs, that others by their example may*

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take warning, that his Majesty may be eased of such scandalous clamours, and that free passage may be made to effecting his gracious purposes as well in the rest of the intended plantations as in this, which otherwise will be continually subject to interruption and disturbance, or will utterly become impossible to be effected amongst this people, so naturally abhorring the planting of English religion and civility amongst them; so we humbly declare that on this depends the success of all future plantations and all other public actions to be undertaken here. [3½ pages. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 26III.]

Feb. 14. Richard Watts to Williamson. Yesterday arrived a ship from
Dover. Malaga and another from Jamaica, but with no news worth your trouble. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 213.*]

Feb. 14. James Blackborne to James Hickes. Our parts afford no news.
Plymouth. [*Ibid. No. 214.*]

Feb. 14. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of
Portsmouth. news. [*Ibid. No. 215.*]

Feb. 13-14. News-letter. 13th.—This morning the Prince of Orange, accompanied by the Earl of Ossory, departed on his return to Holland. He dines to-day at Rochester, and thence goes to Sheerness, where lies a yacht for his transportation, but the wind has been since so contrary that it's believed he cannot as yet sail. Yesterday the Lord Mayor, accompanied by the aldermen and whole common council, unanimously received the Sacrament at the church by Guild-Hall, according to the rites of the Church of England, to the no small joy of the city, hoping that it may be a means to compose those dissensions in opinions which have for so many years been so great a disturbance to them.

14th.—The wind continued so cross that the Prince of Orange cannot set sail for Holland, so that it's thought that if it continues he may be persuaded to return to Court till a fairer opportunity. His Majesty has revoked his former commission to be Governor and Captain-General of the Leeward Islands, and conferred that charge on Sir Charles Wheeler. [3 pages. *Ibid. No. 216.*]

Feb. 9-14. News-letter. [All the news is contained in letters already calendared.] [4 pages. *Ibid. No. 217.*]

Feb. 14. Warrant for a licence for the ships *Golden Fortune* and *St. John*, though built in the Netherlands, to trade between Norway and London. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 25, f. 192.*]

Feb. 14. Warrant for a grant to Richard Coney of the Surveyorship of the Customs at Hull, if he be found qualified, in place of Sir Mattheu Appleyard, deceased. [*Ibid. f. 193.*]

Feb. 14. Sir John Trevor to Sir Richard Ford. Directing that the next sessions for gaol delivery be postponed from the 22nd instant to 10 March. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 49.*]

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Feb. 14. The King to the Lord Keeper. Directing him to recommend the petition of Dame Alismonde Read to the consideration of the House of Lords. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 66.*]
- Feb. 14. The King to the President and Fellows of Magdalene College, Oxford. Directing them to elect and admit John Heather to the first vacant demyship. [*Ibid.*]
- Feb. 14. Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. Half of Robert Deptford. Spalding's knee wedges not being so large or good as they ought to have been, I desired him to take them back, but he refused. They are sent down by the Surveyor's order to Chatham, and a certificate of their value can be had from the shipwright, but I am assured Spalding has had no wrong done to him, as he has the full value for the provisions he has served into the stores. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 122.*]
- Feb. 14. Robert Leigh to Williamson. This winter has been a great enemy to punctual correspondency, our English letters coming four and six packets at a time. Your last shows our letters have met with the same ill luck. You will have received my note of the account between us, and the King's letter that has long lain in my hands. I remind you of my brother Barnwall's petition. The petition lately delivered by Col. Talbot has made no small noise here. Yesterday morning, on occasion of discourse thereof, Sir Henry Ingoldsby and Mr. Thomas Cusack, nephew to Col. Talbot, fought a duel, when, it's said, the latter in closing broke his sword, but notwithstanding was too strong for the other. However, both came home unhurt, but 'tis feared the occasion will breed much greater animosities yet. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 27.*]
- Feb. 14. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. In the terms of the Order in Council of the 10th, concerning Sir W. Bucknall. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 7, p. 446.*]
- Feb. 15. Richard Duckett to Williamson. On behalf of Mr. Bouch, High Sheriff of Cumberland, who is very infirm, desiring a licence to live in Yorkshire, and advising a bill in Chancery against the Simpsons for discovery of incumbrances. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 219.*]
- Feb. 15. Matthew Anderton to James Hickes. Stating that it was a month ago last Monday since he received a news-letter from Mr. Perrott. [*Ibid. No. 220.*]
Chester.
- Feb. 15. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Ely. Recommending John Brookes, a lieutenant in the army of Charles I., for a vacant almsman's place. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 24.*]
- Feb. 15. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Commissioners. I send particulars of timber which has been sawn three years, and is as good as ever I used, but I cannot take less than 5*l.* per load for the plank and 3*l.* for the knees. I will provide 1,000*l.* or 2,000*l.* worth more, and deliver one-half of the latter at Portsmouth by Christmas, and the other half by the next year. I desire 300*l.* imprest money, and to out-set in the last loading, the rest of the money to be paid as the goods

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are delivered. If I agree for 2,000*l.* worth, I shall want 500*l.* to be impressed out of the customs at Bristol. I ask for a warrant for removing 82 loads I have in the woods, when I will be able to send a ship load of 200 tons by the end of July. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, *No.* 123.]

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Shadwell.

Capt. John Willgress to the Navy Commissioners. Concerning the damaged bread on board the *Welcome*, mentioned in his letter of the 10th, and asking for a survey of it. [*Ibid.* *No.* 124.]

Feb. 15.
Chatham.

Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I have been in both of Mr. Ruffhead's shops, but cannot find sufficient iron to make the bolts required, and if some is not sent down next week the workmen must stand still. Some of the officers of the ships here have been to me to complain that they cannot get any provision from Sir Denis Gauden's instruments here, nor will they deliver any more to our people, and the servants of the ships are fain to drink water. I ask that some speedy course may be taken for their relief, as the want of food among so many poor creatures is grievous to think of. [*Ibid.* *No.* 125.]

Feb. 15.
Chatham.

Edw. Gregory and T. Wilson to the Navy Commissioners. We have delivered 42 cwt. 3 qrs. and 11 lbs. of old bolts to Mr. Ruffhead, which the master shipwright and his assistant have valued at 14*s.* per cwt. [*Ibid.* *No.* 126.]

Feb. 15.

Warrant to the Lord Lieutenant to swear Henry, Earl of Clanbrassil, of the Privy Council in Ireland. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 7, *p.* 446.]

Feb. 16.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, *No.* 221.]

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News-letter. [Substance in *Fleming Calendar, p.* 74.] [3 pages. *Ibid.* *No.* 222.]

Feb. 16.
Dragon,
Leghorn.

Tubal Cain Porter to the Navy Commissioners. To the same purport as his letter to them of 20 January. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, *No.* 127.]

Feb. 16.
Woolwich.

Wm. Hannam, master attendant, and Wm. Acworth, storekeeper, to the Navy Commissioners. By a warrant from the Board, last March, it was ordered that the new storehouse now building here should be joined to the old and its roofs, which when finished will be of good service; but John Shish, who was ordered to act in the repair of ships at Woolwich during Mr. Byland's sickness, having given orders to the foreman of Sam. Edwards, house carpenter, to build a mould loft in it, 50 feet long and 38 feet broad, we have put a stop to it until we receive your orders, as the house has been ordered for a storehouse and not for a mould loft, which we conceive will be of great disadvantage to his Majesty for want of room to lay up ships' stores and rigging when they come into harbour, which are as yet liable to many inconveniences and damage by theft, &c.; and as the moulds for sixteen ships named, besides others which were rebuilt and repaired, were made at Woolwich without a

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mould loft, and the greater part of them were made in the rope-yard there, without loss of store room for cordage or hemp, and finished in three or four days for each ship, which happens once in seven years, we fear this mould loft would only serve under a colour to waste the King's stores. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 128.*]

[Feb. 17.] "Causes of the growth of Popery, and remedies against it." [*This is the report presented by Sir Trevor Williams to the House of Commons, printed in Commons' Journals IX. 203, 204, with one or two verbal alterations, and with an additional clause, being the fifth remedy in the address printed p. 266. 4 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 223.*]

Feb. 17. Memorandum of a licence to John Hamden and Theophilus Boscawen to travel beyond the seas. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 25, f. 192.*]

Feb. 17. Presentation of John Jackson to the rectory of St. Peter's, Walpoole. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 12.*]

Docquet thereof, dated 28 Feb. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 21.*]

Feb. 17. Grant to Francis Digby of the office of Captain of Deal Castle, with the fee of 20*l.* per annum. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 71.*]

Docquet thereof, dated March. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 25.*]

Feb. 17. Ph. Pett and Jos. Laurence to [the Navy Commissioners]. The Chatham Dock. increase of charge for the works in hand on the *Triumph* will exceed the first estimates by 1,220*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 129.*]

Feb. 17. Contract by Moses Helbey of Town Mallig, Kent, with Commissioner John Cox, to deliver into the stores at Chatham nine knees of oak timber, containing three loads, at 3*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* per load, and three pieces of compass timber, containing six loads, at 2*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* per load, to be paid for upon producing his bill. [*Copy in duplicate. Ibid. Nos. 130, 131.*]

Feb. 17. Receipt by Thos. Turner for two masts and some plank received from Henry Wilson, boatswain of the *Good Hope*, and brought by him from Portsmouth. [*Ibid. No. 132.*]

Feb. 17. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing him to cause the Vice-Treasurer to pay to Henry Coventry and George Legg, the executor of William Legg, 500*l.* half-yearly, till they have received 4,000*l.*, the first payment to be made at Lady Day next, inasmuch as the said Coventry and William Legg had received nothing by virtue of a former grant of 4,000*l.* out of the Irish Customs. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 7, p. 447.*]

[Feb. 17.] Draft thereof. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 27A.*]

Feb. 17. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing him to demise certain lands to Philip Frowde, following the draft enclosed in his letter of the 5th. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 7, p. 448.*]

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- Feb. 18. John Powell to James Hickes. Last week arrived here two ships from Ireland for France with beef and tallow. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 224.]
- Feb. 18. H. Slingsby to Lord [Arlington]. Enclosing a copy of the proposed clause empowering Sir Charles Wheeler to appoint deputy-governors in the islands under his command. [*Ibid.* No. 225.]
- Feb. 18. Sir Roger Langley to Williamson. Recommending a servant who Sheriff Hutton. had lived with him twelve years, and is now married and resolved for London. [*Ibid.* No. 226.]
- Feb. 18. Certificate by the Bailiffs, Aldermen, and Town Council of Ludlow that they had elected Thomas Jones as Town Clerk in place of John Ricards, deceased, to which they desire his Majesty's assent. [*Ibid.* No. 227.]
- Feb. 18. Sir Edw. Hungerford and Sir Jas. Hayes to the Navy Commissioners. Asking for the despatch of the accounts of the bearer, Sam. Sewster, purser of the *Speedwell* frigate, they being unpassed, and he being prevented from giving regular attendance by sickness. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 133.]
- Feb. $\frac{18}{28}$. Capt. Rob. Robinson to the Navy Commissioners. I gave you an Greenwich, account from Zante by way of Venice and by Leghorn through Messina. Capt. Poole of what passed to and from Scanderoon, where I carried the *Turkey Merchant* and left her in safety. We came from Zante with Capt. Middleton and the *Scipio*, and in our passage were overtaken by a violent storm, when the *Assurance* lost her foremast and bowsprit. We were forced to clap by taking a broach, and could not get her to bear up again. We arrived at Messina with the merchant ships on the 13th inst., where I procured some yards and masts from Mr. Meade, merchant there, giving a bill upon your Honours for 140*l.*, not doubting it will be speedily accepted and paid both for his Majesty's honour as also for encouragement to the merchants to assist his ships in such distress for the future, as it would have been no honour to his Majesty or the kingdom to have had one of his ships of war sailing from one port to another in such a condition, and especially being in a place of recruit. To-day her mast was set up. We may sail in four days if the wind serves. We found Capt. Haddock, Mr. Morley, and two ships from Galipoli here, bound hence with me. Postscript, dated $\frac{3}{13}$ March.—We did not weigh until 26 Feb., but were forced back by contrary winds, and intend to sail to-morrow. Four ships have come in from Galipoli bound with us for England, Capt. Morris being one. Capt. Bowen sailed two days since with his convoy for Zante. [*Ibid.* No. 134.]
- Feb. 18. Contract by Benjamin Elkin, master of the *John and Anne* hoy of Lee, with Commissioner John Cox, to deliver into the stores at Chatham 3,300 broom sheaves at 30*s.* per 1,000, to be paid for upon producing his bill. [*Two copies, one with a memorandum annexed of 98 Sprucia deals, 32 feet in length, fifteen inches in breadth, and two inches thick. Ibid.* Nos. 135, 136.]

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London.

John Harrison to Sir Jeremy Smith. Asking that Mr. Hayter be directed to send down an order for unloading his ship and for taking out forty-nine pieces of canvas belonging to Mr. Dobson. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 137.]

Feb. 18.
Dublin.

Robert Leigh to Williamson. Concerning the King's letters and the fees on them, and thanking him for remembering Barnwall's petition. The affairs of this kingdom are not at present in a fit condition for the business of the discovery, nor has the person come since about it. [S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 28.]

Feb. 19.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. By a small vessel of Cork from Brest, I am advised there are five great men-of-war there ready for sea; the least carries 70 guns, and one, the *Royal Sun*, 120, and there are four more building, besides several others building in other French ports, and great preparations by land, but where the design is is variously talked of. About twenty Dutch merchantmen and two convoys also came in, most bound for St. Tubus (St. Ubes) for salt, and some for Cadiz. The day before they sailed, there sailed about forty more and eight convoys, also for St. Tubus and the Straits. They talk very high, as that they do not care if they have war with France, and that they could raise 100,000 men in seven days, besides what they would have from other princes. To-day they put to sea with a fair wind. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 228.]

Feb. 19.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to James Hicke. To the same effect as the last. [Ibid. No. 229.]

Feb. 19.
Plymouth.

James Blackborne to James Hicke. The only ship arrived is the *Content* from Jamaica; twenty-five privateers there have gone out to seek their fortunes. [Ibid. No. 230.]

Feb. 19.

Christopher Andrews to the Navy Commissioners. As he has a freight of timber coming, asking in which yard it is to be delivered, and that they will furnish him with some money to go on with the work. Noted that it was to be delivered at Woolwich. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 138.]

[Feb. ?]

Petition of Robert Prujean, grandchild and heir of the late Sir Francis Prujean, by and with his curator Dr. Thos. Exton, to the King for a commission of review against the sentence of a Commission of Delegates, reversing a previous judgment in the Court of Arches, and ordering the payment to Lady Prujean, now married to Sir John Maynard, of 550*l.* claimed on the ground of some general words in her husband's will, in addition to near 5,000*l.* she has received, though only married to him two years and four months, to the great damage of the petitioner, the residuary legatee. *At foot,*

Feb. 20.
Whitehall.

Reference thereof to Sir Orlando Bridgeman.

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His order for Serjeant Maynard and his lady to attend him thereon.

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His report in favour of the petitioner. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 231.]

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Truro.

Captain Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Desiring him to continue his correspondence with him. There are two vessels here loading with pilchards, one for France, the other for Spain. They are the largest fish taken these many years. They hear of much wreck everywhere, owing to the late storms. A note by Hickes refers it to Williamson whether Acland's wish should be granted. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 232.]

Feb. 20.

Warrant to the Exchequer to pay Sir Henry de Vic, Chancellor of the Order of the Garter, 200*l.* to discharge a debt contracted by the King's commands. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 18.*]

Feb. 20.
Chatham.

Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I have discoursed with Mr. Ruffhead about the old iron bolts remaining in store, who offered 18*s.* per 100, but I think I shall get 20*s.*, and if not I will get them new-wrought on the best terms I can, for of two evils we must choose the least, rather than let the workmen stand still. I have made shift to carry on the works of the *Plymouth* and *Leopard*, and shall launch them next week, and then dock the *Ann* and the *Antelope*, but the *Triumph* will not be ready to launch until the spring tide. I thank your Honours for the 120*l.*, though it will not pay the pressed men's arrears; I hope it will not be long before a further supply. I shall forbear troubling you further concerning Mr. Pett and his management of the service until I wait upon you. I send a demand for rive hooks and live oak, and two contracts—one for compass and knee timber, the other for brush and broom, and shall observe your directions as to making the contracts payable in course, but I am able to pay for what I have already bought. If you approve, twenty or thirty shipwrights and ten caulkers lately pressed may be discharged, who are very idle fellows and are often found neglecting their duty. I question not they will be willingly cleared, or be content to stay for the money which is due to them. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 139.]

Feb. 20.
Chatham.

Jos. Laurence to the Navy Commissioners. Asking for the place vacant by the death of Mr. Byland, it being his by right of succession as the oldest shipwright's assistant, having faithfully discharged his duty for eight years. [*Ibid.* No. 140.]

[Feb. 20.]
March 2.
Leghorn.

Sir Thos. Clutterbuck to the Navy Commissioners. I send copy of my letter of 16 Feb. Finding myself without the least comfortable tidings, I have only to reiterate my hard fate and great sufferings, which some ill-natured and malicious people aggravate to their utmost, so that I cannot tell how low the public credit is, and what inconveniences I am exposed to on that account, finding no one to take up a penny by exchange to satisfy some inconsiderable obligations due to necessitous people. I ask that some speedy relief may be provided. I shall send off the *Guernsey's* and *Jersey's* provisions the first opportunity, that they may prosecute their voyage. The *Dragon* will soon proceed for Port Mahon to clean, and meet Sir Edw. Spragg at Algiers. The *Newcastle* was destined here with the *Dragon*, but straining her foremast, had to put into Port Mahon. Capt. Poole's letter enclosed will give particulars. I cannot procure

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them pratique, which is unjust and a great impediment to the service. I have given Lord Arlington and Mr. Wren an account, and trust his Majesty will present it to the Duke. [1½ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 141.] *Enclosed,*

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March 2.

Leghorn.

Captain Wm. Poole to the Navy Commissioners. I arrived at Leghorn five days since with the Zante ships, and the John and Abigail from Smyrna, and hoped by this to have sailed towards Cadiz, having but to take in three months' victuals which lie ready; but as a Turkey ship came in my company from Messina, where we had free pratique, except the said ship, those peevish people will not give it us at Leghorn, or permit Sir Thos Clutterbuck to ship off the provisions until an answer comes from Florence whether we are to have pratique or not, which wholly obstructs our despatch, as we have done nothing in getting in provisions or landing the goods brought by the merchant ships for this port. It's a very fine thing that the King's ships must lie here at demurrage during their pleasure, and so many laden merchants at great charge waiting for a convoy. I know not what disgust they have taken against the English, but I know that their affronts daily increase. I have given an account of the abuse to his Majesty's Resident at Florence, and as soon as an order arrives, two days of fine weather will despatch us. [Ibid. No. 142.]

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Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. This morning came ashore a very large live porpoise, which they cut up this afternoon and intend to boil for oil. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 233.]

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Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of news. [*Ibid.* No. 234.]

[Feb. 21.]

The Parliament to the King. Address, requesting him to restrain the growth of Popery. [*Printed in Commons' Journals IX.* 205, and elsewhere. *Ibid.* No. 235.]

Feb. 15-21.

News-letter (part in duplicate). [Most of the news in *Fleming Calendar*, p. 75.] 20th.—It is reported at Paris they shall have no war this summer. Their great preparations everywhere seem to speak otherwise. The Protestant party there grow still weaker and weaker. It is feared in a short time they will be totally exterminated. [5 pages. *Ibid.* No. 236.]

Feb. 21.

Warrant for a grant of the office of Attorney for the counties of Chester and Flint, to Kenrick Eyton junior, on the surrender thereof by his father, Kenrick Eyton. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, f. 193.]

Feb. 21.

Chatham Dock.

Phineas Pett and Joseph Laurence to the Navy Commissioners. Having just grounds to fear the miscarriage of his Majesty's ships when they go to sea, through the inability of the master caulker, who has lately been admitted into the yard, we have thought it our duty not to betray our trust by concealing it. We judge him not only unable to see that the caulking is well performed, he not having

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been brought up to it, but he is also incapable of making demands for materials or of seeing that they are properly expended, which if not speedily prevented, will prove of dangerous consequence to the service, and unless a more fit person is appointed, we are not able to justify the sufficiency of the ships' repairs. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 143.] *Annexed,*

Memorandum or abstract of certain correspondence between the Navy Board, Phineas Pett, and others named as to the appointment of Brunsden as master caulker, and his subsequent discharge from incompetency. [1¼ page. Much of it hereinafter calendared. Ibid. No. 144.]

Feb. 21.
Foresight,
Downs.

Capt. John Hayward to the Navy Commissioners. Asking for a supply of provisions, as he has only sufficient flesh for eight days, and bread for fourteen, and knows not how the weather may prove; and stating he has furnished Capt. Elliot with some beer, his provisions having also grown short, but cannot spare anything else. [Ibid. No. 145.]

[Feb. ?]

Sir Nicholas Armorer to the King. Petition, stating that during the late usurpation he had contracted debts amounting to 1,000*l.* in his Majesty's service, and praying in consideration thereof a grant of moneys already paid into the Court of King's Bench in Ireland upon Latitats since the Restoration and not otherwise disposed of, and also such future sums so paid in until the petitioner shall have received the said 1,000*l.* and such further recompense as shall be thought fit. *On the back,*

[Feb. ?]
Whitehall.

Reference thereof to Richard, Viscount Ranelagh, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Francis, Lord Aungier, Vice-Treasurer, and Sir John Temple, Solicitor-General, all in Ireland. [Draft. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 29.]

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The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing him to cause letters patent to be passed granting a lease to Sir N. Armorer for 31 years from Lady Day next of moneys payable on filing declarations in the Court of King's Bench at the yearly rent of 10*l.* [S.P. Dom. Signet Office, Vol. 7, p. 451.]

Feb. 21.
Dublin.

The Lord Lieutenant to Sir Ellis Leighton; or, in his absence, to Williamson. Enclosing a letter for Lord Arlington, with a draft of a letter to be presented to the King for granting the reversion of the office of prothonotary of the Common Pleas to James Plunkett, brother of Sir Walter, the present patentee. [S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 30.] *Enclosed,*

Feb. 21.
Dublin.

The said letter to Lord Arlington. Recommending the said James Plunkett for the office. [Ibid. No. 301.]

Feb. 22.
Norwich.

Thomas Corie to Williamson. Praying him to remind Lord Arlington of his suit for his interest with the Treasury, to procure his appointment as a Commissioner in Norwich and Norfolk for the subsidies and Receiver General. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 237.]

[Feb. 22.]

Speech by Lord Lucas in the House of Lords on the second reading of the Subsidy Bill. There were great expectations at the

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Restoration of freedom from the heavy burdens of the usurpation, and that Astræa, fled up to heaven, would have returned again ; but now the burdens are increased, and the means of meeting them lessened, there being so little money in the country, the Rump money swept away by the King's proclamation and the Dutch, and only copper farthings talked of to replace it. A few men are growing rich and flourishing, whilst many of those who were imprisoned and sequestered are left without reward. The pretence of enabling the King to defend the country is not sufficient for so large grants. Attacks being only threatened, treasure should be husbanded. The subject should at least not be kept in uncertainty as to the amount proposed to be given. The Commons send up a bill for the twentieth part of real estates at their full value, and are preparing others, which will come to three millions, but bounds should be set to this liberal humour ; he proposes that it be reduced to 8*d.* in the pound, which will make the King much more popular and relieve the hardships of the distressed kingdom.

[*This is an MS. copy of the edition printed at Middelburgh in 1673 and also said to be printed in London in 1670[-1], internal evidence, however, showing that the London edition is as late as 1673. Copies of both are in the British Museum ; press marks, 8122*b* and 104*a* 58. They contain an address to the Reader before the Speech, and at the end a list of grievances, such as strict alliance with France, shutting up the Exchequer, war with the Low Countries, losses at sea, corrupting members, drunken and debauched soldiers, oppression in quartering them, pressing men, debauching the nation by masquerades, encouragement of popery in Ireland, great and grievous taxes, his Highness refusing the tests and marrying a papist, and finally making French Carwell an English Duchess, to the great di-grace of the ladies and gentlemen of this nation. 7 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 238.*]

[Feb. 22.] Another MS. copy of the speech only. [*Ibid.* No. 239.]

Feb. 22. Francis Wickes to Williamson. Asking his interest to procure a scholarship at Charterhouse for one of his sons, and enclosing a list of governors. [*Ibid.* No. 240.]

Feb. 22. Herbert Aubrey, junior, to Williamson. Applying for the
Hereford. Receivership in Herefordshire under the new Subsidy Acts. [*Ibid.* No. 241.]

Feb. 22. Memorandum of two orders for naturalizing the *Wild Shot* and
St. George of Galway in Ireland. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, f. 192.]

Feb. 22. William Wyborne to the Navy Commissioners I have given your
Honours an account concerning the two masts that were slit by the
merchant's order. I find that a mast of 18½ hands is as serviceable
as either of them, as they are rotten and defective and only fit for
hollow fishes, and will cause a great loss to his Majesty. [*S.P. Dom.,*
Car. II. 296, No. 146.] *Annexed,*

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Chatham.

*The same to the same. One of the masts of 20 hands and
26 yards long lately served into the yard at Chatham,*

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which was conceived to be very serviceable, has proved rotten in the working, and it is found that this sort of wood is very tender. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 147.]

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[Feb.] 10.
Chatham Dock.

Ph. Pett, Jos. Laurence, and Wm. Wyborne to the Navy Commissioners. We have viewed Isaac Stockman's two masts which were ordered to be slit to discover their defects, and judge them only fit to make hollow fishes for masts when their defects will be worked out, and that 1½ hands ought to be abated out of each. [Ibid. No. 148.]

Feb. 22.
Lisburn.

Sir George Rawdon to Viscount Conway. On business affairs, rents, &c. For the 13*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* upon Ryly, who with five children is now relieved by the parish, I had no other way but to take it from him and set the farm to other tenants, who for that your loss increase your rent about 50*s.* a year. Your rents were never got in as they are now, for I have warned all the tenants that if they clear not all within the half-year I will re-enter on the farms and tenements and not have any such long reckonings any more that have made these troubles and differences. I wish I could do so with my own tenants. I desire your pleasure about the race. [2 pages. Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 31.]

Feb. 22.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Empowering him to grant leases of such portions of the lands of Chapel Izod and St. Lawrence purchased from the late Sir Maurice Eustace as have not been enclosed in the park lately made near Dublin [the Phoenix]. [S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 7, p. 454.]

Feb. 23.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Several casks of Bordeaux wine and a mast have been taken up at sea, and also some on this and the Sussex coast. Yesterday the *Adventure* frigate sailed for the Downs. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 242.]

Feb. 23.
Truro.

Capt. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Nothing has presented worth your notice. [Ibid. No. 243.]

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News-letter. [Most of the news in other news-letters.] 17th.—Letters from Paris say the Emperor's Envoy lately demanded audience of the King at Versailles, but was answered that was no place for business. It is said he would have desired the King to refer his difference with the Duke of Lorraine to the Emperor's arbitration. One Bapst, employed in Paris by the Bishop of Münster, was imprisoned in the Bastille for having been somewhat lavish in his tongue, as if the forces his master was raising were not so much against the Prince of Wolfenbüttel as against the Dutch. [2 pages. Ibid. No. 244.]

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News-letter. Letters from Jamaica of 19 January say that fourteen days before the fleet under Admiral Morgan, as they call him, consisting of thirty English, French, &c., sailed from the Isle of Asl, on the north of St. Domingo, intending to go to the River Chadre (Chagres) to leeward of Porto Bello, to take the castle there, and afterwards go up the river or lake, which will carry them within

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- Feb. 23. Reasons submitted to the Lords against laying an additional excise on beer and ale. [*Printed paper. Ibid.* No. 246.]
- Feb. 23. Note of the reading of the petition of several merchants concerning spiriting, which was referred for further consideration. Preceded by abstracts of documents on the same subject of 12 and 18 July and 7 Sept., 1664, which are printed in the *Calendars* for 1663-64, p. 639, and 1664-65, p. 5. [*Ibid.* No. 247.]
- [Feb. ?] John Fielding, younger son to the late Earl of Desmond, to the King. Petition praying a *mandamus* to Queen's College, Cambridge, to admit him to a fellowship which will shortly be vacant there. *At foot,*
The Earl of Manchester to Lord Arlington. Expressing his consent to the mandamus prayed. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 248.]
- Feb. 23. King's letter to the Master (*sic*) and Fellows of Queen's College, directing them to elect and admit the said Fielding to a fellowship. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, f. 67.]
- Feb. 23. Warrant to ——— to cut a seal according to the model therewith, to be delivered to Lord Arlington. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 71.]
- Feb. 23. Warrant granting to Sir Samuel Morland an annuity of 300*l.*, charged on the tenths of the clergy, to commence from Michaelmas 1669. [*Ibid.* f. 72.]
- Docquet of the grant thereof, dated March. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 25.]
- Feb. 23. Wm. Bodham to the Navy Commissioners. The wharf in the gun-
 Woolwich
 Ropeyard. yard here, which has belonged time out of mind to the ropeyard, for taking up hemp and tar and shipping cordage, and which was repaired three years ago at a cost of 30*l.*, is now so much ruined by the weight of guns, and the ground so worn by brick and tile carts, which daily make bold to load their lighters there, that the men carrying down cables are forced to go up to their ankles in mire, to the injury of their health and to the loss of the service, and the ground at the foot of the wharf is so raised by tile shards that there is three feet of water less, which daily grows worse. You will see by a sketch plan enclosed that if eight rods of it were paled in, at 15*s.* or 16*s.* per rod, it would prevent all this, and if the crane and wharf be lost, the teamer will not cart to any other wharf in the town under double his present allowance, which is 9*d.* per ton, in or out, and 1*s.* per last for tar. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 149.] *Annexed,*
Pen and ink sketch of the ropeyard and gunyard at Woolwich, with a key to the same. [Ibid. No. 150.]

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Feb. 23. Sir Robert Southwell to Sam. Pepys. You will see by the enclosed that I have a client at Kinsale, who, having heard of some storms as towards his place, relies on my abilities with the Navy officers. If there is any danger, send me a word of comfort and tell me how to succour the poor man in whose concern Capt. Rooth also takes a part. Let me know who takes care of Sir John Mennes' papers, as he promised me a sight of his journal while the Prince was at Kinsale, which I would be glad to see. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 151.] *Enclosed,*

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Nov. 1. Kinsale. Wm. Penn to Sir Rob. Southwell. *I am emboldened to address you, not only from the report of your civilities to all the relations and friends of my deceased kinsman, Sir William Penn, but also from experience of your former kindness to myself. I hear that the officers of the Navy intend to suspend the employment of clerk of the cheque at Kinsale, enjoyed by me since the Restoration, as well as the care of all the naval stores sent there during the late war, some of which I still have in my custody, but I have never received a penny for my pains for issuing the said stores to the ships, and a great part of my salary of 40l. per annum still remains unpaid. I was never allowed anything for boat and men as the clerks of the cheque in England are, nor for postage. I ask you to acquaint Secretary Wren with my condition, so that I may be continued as clerk of the cheque; or if not, that my arrears may be paid, and some allowance made for my care and trouble. I thank your father for enclosing this letter in one of his own.* [Ibid. No. 152.] *Annexed,*

Memorandum by Wm. Penn that he never had any allowance as storekeeper, nor for sending a ledger of stores issued to ships, and accounting for the remainder still in his custody. Neither was anything allowed for the rent of a storehouse to keep them in, as well as for the Harp's furniture, since 3 April 1669, or for postage, men, and boats, as mentioned in his letter. [Ibid. No. 153.]

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Feb. 23. Greenwich, Messina. Capt. Rob. Robinson to the Navy Commissioners. Asking them to accept bills drawn on them, payable to John Gould, merchant, thirty days after sight, for 136l. 15s. 8d., for fitting the *Assurance* with foremast and yards instead of those lost in a storm, and for other necessities, as also for his own frigate. [Ibid. No. 154.] *Enclosed,*
Account by Nich. Meade of expenses incurred in supplying the Assurance and Greenwich with things mentioned, amounting together to 136l. 15s. 8d. Note at foot by Pepys, "Taken of what relates to the Surveyor to charge the officers." [Ibid. No. 155.]

Feb. 23. Woolwich Ropeyard. W. Bodham to Sam. Pepys. The certificate on the bill for the price of Hutchinson's hemp was not to do him an unkindness, but was well meant for the service, in preventing the bringing in of unreasonable great bundles, and the small part certified as somewhat tender was so, though not so much as to be returned on the

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merchant's hands, for it passed the hatchet, and the ground tow or waste was dressed into fine hemp and white oakum, which was wanted in both yards. The bill has been made out and in-offensively certified, and excepting the gigantic size of the bundles it could not be otherwise certified. Pray believe that we ought not to be reckoned to the number of those that can say and unsay with ease. The best gunner does not always hit, nor the most honest or prudent intentions always appear such at first scanning. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 156.]

Feb. 23. Capt. Thos. Eliot to Sir Jeremy Smith. Having been put in hopes
Reserve, Downs. of a supply of provisions from London, I have forborne troubling you, but not having now sufficient of any sort for two days, and having received a letter from the purser that there are only twelve tuns of beer with some bread and peas ordered, and no beef or pork, I have thought fit to acquaint you of it. The wind is now at S.E., and if it holds there the small quantity of provisions ordered cannot be got down, so I must be forced to buy some fresh here, unless the purser comes down to supply them himself. [*Ibid.* No. 157.]

Feb. 23. The King to the Commissioners of the Treasury in Scotland.
Whitehall. Approving of the date they had appointed for rousing the farm of the Customs and Excise, and fixing the 1st of November last for the beginning of the new term. The present collectors offered to farm the current year for 21,000*l.* sterling, without the foreign salt. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 1, p. 92.]

[Feb. ?] Lord Aungier to the King. Petition, praying, in reimbursement of the fees due to him as Vice-Treasurer remitted by the King's directions, a grant of the estate of Nicholas Herbert, deceased, in the barony of Egglis, in the King's County, of about 3,000 acres. [*Two copies. S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, Nos. 31A, 31B.]

Feb. 23. Warrant to the Lord Lieutenant for a grant of the said estate, or such parts thereof as may appear to be the King's on inquisition, to Lord Aungier, at a quit rent of 3*d.* for every English acre profitable land, with a proviso that if the King's title appear to be grounded on the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, the said Lord Aungier should place on the lands so many good deficiencies of interests satisfiable by the said Acts as they are sufficient to satisfy. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 7, p. 452.]

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 32.]

[Before Feb. 23.] Grant by the King, after reciting clauses 209, 210, 211 of the Act of Explanation, unto Robt. Reading and Jane, Countess Dowager of Mountrath, now his wife, of all the sums of money due from Teige O'Connor, Edmond MacJordan and Dorothy his wife, Sir Philip Percival, Thomas, late Earl of Strafford, Sir George Radcliffe, or any of them, as mentioned in the above clauses, and of such sums as by virtue of the last clause are due from William, Earl of Strafford, and Thomas Radcliffe, or either of them, and also of such sums as were by the said Sir Philip Percival, Thomas, late Earl of Strafford, and Sir G. Radcliffe, or any of them, deposited in the Clerk of the Council's hands. [4 pages. *Draft. Ibid.* No. 33.]

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- Feb. 23. Renewal of the said grant. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 1.*]
- [Feb. 23.] Draft thereof. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 33A.*]
- [Feb. 23.] Notes for the same, showing that it was renewed because the title of the Act was mis-recited in the former grant. [*Ibid. No. 33B.*]
- Feb. 24. The Earl of Oxford to the King. Requesting him to appoint Mr. Crofts as cornet to Lord Frescheville, as his cornet, Hawley, is said to be dead. [*Seal and remains of the silk with which the letter was fastened. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 249.*]
- Feb. 24. The Earl of Manchester to Lord Arlington. Desiring him to do nothing about the Regius Professorship of Physic at Cambridge without first acquainting him. [*Ibid. No. 250.*]
- Feb. 24. Warrant to Roger l'Estrange, the Surveyor of the Presses, or his
Whitehall. deputy, to enter and search for and seize any seditious, scandalous, or unlicensed portraitures or pictures, books, pamphlets, or papers imprinted or imported contrary to law, and also to arrest all persons suspected of being the authors, printers, dispensers, or publishers of the same, and bring them before a justice. Signed "Arlington." [*Seal. On Parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II., Case C.*]
- Feb. 24. John Carlile to Williamson. Yesterday arrived Señor Deblory,
Dover. *alias* Blundell, from Paris, bringing with him a very fine Spanish jennett about fifteen hands high, a chestnut with white feet, costing, he says, 1,000 crowns, for Lord Arlington. Here is a very sad, dead, divided town, and little or no commerce at all. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 251.*]
- Feb. 24. James Blackborne to James Hickes. Our Newfoundland fisher-
Plymouth. men are all ready to sail. The *Marigold* and *Mary* and the *John* are put to sea; the two first for Newfoundland, the other for the West Indies. [*Ibid. No. 252.*]
- Feb. 24. Memorandum of an order for the naturalisation of two foreign-built ships, the *Vinetree* and *Matthew*. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 25, f. 194.*]
- Feb. 24. Caveat in favour of Bernard Howard that nothing pass of a forfeiture of recognisance entered into by John Spence and sureties. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 32, p. 11.*]
- Feb. 24. Commission for Anthony Crofts to be cornet of Lord Frescheville's troop in the Earl of Oxford's regiment. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35A, f. 22.*]
- Feb. 24. Warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley to deliver to Sir Charles Wheeler, Governor of the Leeward Islands, the stores specified in the estimate. [*Calendared in S.P. Col., America, &c., 1669-74, p. 173. Ibid.*]
- Feb. 24. Edw. Gregory to the Navy Commissioners. Statement of the
Chatham. iron delivered to Mr. Ruffhead by Commissioner Cox's order. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 158.*]
- Feb. 24. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I have given
Chatham. order for the delivery of 1 ton 9 cwt. and 1 quarter of old bolts to Mr. Ruffhead, so that the service may go on, for which he is to allow 20s. a cwt.; and also 9 tons 8 cwt. and 3 quarters of old iron at 13s. a cwt., but the master shipwright judges the latter to be worth

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only 12s. I formerly acquainted you of the great want the people of the ordinary were in, and as it is so great, I cannot but once more remind you of their condition, as they have neither beer, butter, cheese, fish, peas, nor pork, and only bread and beef for a week for the servants, the officers of the ships not having any, and as it is a very ill time of the year for the poor people to have nothing but water to drink, I hope a speedy course will be taken for their relief. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 159.]

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March 6
Leghorn.

Sir Thos. Clutterbuck to the Navy Commissioners. I send copy of my letter of the 2nd, and ask your Honours to cast a favourable eye upon it and provide for my speedy relief. You will find by my last account that I am a creditor for 1,500*l.* I am about sending by the Mantua Ordinary some indents for three months' victuals supplied to the *Jersey* and *Guernsey*, amounting to 1,000*l.* more, upon account of which I have passed a bill upon you for 1,002*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*, payable ten days after sight to Signor Lorenzo Buonaccorsi or his order for the value exchanged there with Signor Giovanni Fabbrucci and Signor Bartolome Monteverdi. I ask for its punctual discharge, that I may not hear of any further laments, wherein I have of late borne too great a part, Mr. Longland having been very violent in prosecuting me for a bill upon the victuallers for 661*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* I have given him security for its discharge ten days after the arrival of these letters, so as to free myself from his clamorous and malicious persecution, and I hope if it is not already satisfied that you will do so, noting it to the victuallers' debt, they having credit for it in my account of 27 Oct., and that my remaining bills may no longer lie unpaid, whereby the mouths of ill-natured men may be stopped, and the public credit be in better esteem. I hourly expect Captains Wyld and Robinson, who will each want four months' victuals, which are ready for them, and I will also see other ships which may arrive soon supplied, notwithstanding some bad and false neighbours here gave out that I could not serve Capt. Poole and the *Guernsey*. I laugh at their folly, and when they hear that my bills are punctually answered at home, they will be ashamed of their craft. [2 pages. *Ibid.* No. 160.]

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Instructions to Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. These are his original instructions dated Feb. 1669[–70], with this additional article:—Whereas we are informed that since the recall of the Duke of Ormonde divers of the disaffected party of the Popish clergy are not only returned, but have beyond seas obtained titular dignities of archbishoprics and bishoprics with unlawful powers and jurisdictions which they have presumed to exercise, to the great disquiet and discouragement of those who subscribed a remonstrance declaring the faith, duty, and allegiance they bear to us as their lawful King and our successors: we will, therefore, that as soon after your arrival as you may conveniently you diligently inquire into the truth of these informations, and if true, that you severely put in execution the laws against all such titular archbishops, bishops, or vicar-generals as have under any pretence cited, excommunicated or threatened any of them who in England or Ireland have subscribed the said remonstrance,

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and that on all occasions you give protection to those who have subscribed and not retracted their subscription, they behaving themselves dutifully and modestly. [*In all 13½ pages. 2 drafts of the additional article. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 34.*]

Feb. 24. Note that his Majesty had ordered the above to be delivered to the Lord Lieutenant. [*Ibid. No. 34A.*]

Feb. 24. The King to [the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland]. Warrant ordering Whitehall. him to cause the Vice-Treasurer there to pay to the Countess of Portland 500*l.* a year till the sum of 3,040*l.* directed to be paid by a former letter of 31 July 1669 should be satisfied. Signed, "Arlington." [*2½ pages. Ibid. No. 35.*]

[Feb. 24.] Draft thereof. [*Ibid. No. 35A.*]

Feb. 25. Sir Richard Ford, Lord Mayor, to Williamson. Lord Arlington London. told me yesterday that the consideration of the City's petition about water bailage was referred to the Lord Keeper, to consult with the judges whether a *nolle prosequi* be entered on the proceedings in the Exchequer, and the petition was lodged with you. I pray you therefore to acquaint the bearer, our City Remembrancer, when he may wait on you for it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 253.*]

Feb. 25. Richard Wilkinson to Richard Pitt, at his lodging in the Strand, Bath. near the Green Cushion, next door to an oil shop near Temple Bar. When I came to Thiselworth (Isleworth), one Forist, that is very well known about Colbrooke(?), told me that the party was gone into the West to visit friends, for there were many there, and that he was gone directly to Bath he thought, but if not, he would be there before long. I took post at the Blue Anchor at Hounslow, and rode till my money grew short, and then betook myself to my feet, but got very well hither, but brought but one groat into Bath. I have made inquiry of him, and find what Forist told me is true, for I understand from one that waited on Capt. Spencer that he is expected here very speedily, but if my lord will not help me with money I shall be utterly undone. Therefore I entreat you with all haste to make my condition known to him. Let none of my acquaintance know I am here. [*Ibid. No. 254.*]

Feb. 25. John Powell to James Hickeys. Our harbour is now without Milford Haven. ships except a few small colliers. [*Ibid. No. 255.*]

Feb. 24-25. Two news-letters. 24th.—Sir Thomas Lynch proposes to depart for Jamaica next week, his ships and other necessities being ready. Since Tuesday the ballet has not been danced over, but on Monday next they intend to perform it at the Duke of Ormonde's at Clarendon House. His Majesty and the whole Court intend to be present. To-day's letters from Holland tell us that the Prince of Orange arrived at the Hague, to the great joy of the people. From Flanders we hear, that notwithstanding the French King's promise not to disturb them this summer, they are very apprehensive of the French forces, and are doing their best to put themselves in the best posture of defence. At Brussels, several gentlemen have been lately apprehended on suspicion of a design for betraying some places to the French.

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25th.—Letters from Paris of the 21st tell us that the King was returned to Versailles, where they were making all imaginable preparations for his journey into Flanders, and that a great sum has been sent to Guienne to buy wine and brandy to be brought to Dunkirk for the army. They say also that the New West India Company has made a dividend for last year of only 4 per cent. The States of Holland have not yet consented to the state of the war as proposed by Holland, insisting that Guelderland and Friesland should first pay their arrears of the first war with England. The House in Committee on the Excise Bill altered the charge in the Bill of 15*d.* a barrel on strong beer and ale, and of 6*d.* on small beer to 9*d.* on the former and 3*d.* on the latter. Sir John Mince (Mennes), Controller of the Navy, dying this day seven-night, his place, according to promise, is given to Sir Thomas Allen, late Admiral in the Mediterranean, and himself to be interred with all imaginable pomp. [7 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, Nos. 256, 257.]

Feb. 25.
Whitehall.

The King to the Attorney or Solicitor General. Warrant to prepare a grant to Thomas Ellyott, one of the grooms of the bed-chamber, of two-thirds of the goods of Jeremy Sambrooke forfeited for *felo de se*, the remaining third having been already granted to his widow. [*Ibid.* No. 258, and *S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, f. 194.]

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The King to the Master (*sic*) and Fellows of Queens' College, Cambridge, directing to elect and admit Ferdinand Smithes, son of Sir Arthur Smithes, deceased, to the first vacant fellowship. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, f. 164.]

Feb. 25.
Woolwich.

John Shish to the Navy Commissioners. Asking for a warrant to the storekeeper at Deptford to send 20 loads of timber to Woolwich for the repair of the *Ruby*. Noted that the warrant was sent the same day. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 161.]

Feb. 25.
Deptford.

Capt. John Tinker and Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. We treated with Walker, the painter, for painting the two fourth-rate and two fifth-rate ships rebuilt, who demanded 25*l.* per ship for the former, alleging he had had 30*l.* and 32*l.* for them, and 15*l.* for the latter. We proffered him 12*l.* for the fourth-rates and 8*l.* for the fifth, together with interest for two years for staying for his money, and after much consideration and dispute, he agreed, as he had begun upon two of them, to finish them at the same price as the *Portland* and *Norwich* were painted for, viz., 12*l.* for the one and 8*l.* for the other, but to be paid ready money. Having engaged to pay this, as also 1*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* for some other work, we ask that the money may be provided, otherwise we must and will pay it as we did for the *Dragon* and *Welcome*, which we had some difficulty to get back. [*Ibid.* No. 162.]

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Bristol.

Fras. Baylie to the Navy Commissioners. I received your letter stating you were not willing to give the prices and that payment could not be made out of the customs at Bristol, but I am willing you should have my timber, having no desire to be a further gainer than it is worth in that city and to pay the freight to Portsmouth. The shortest plank is worth 3*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* per load, and my charge will be about 10*s.* per load extra for sawing and other expenses by land

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and water. I shall be a very small gainer by it at 3*l.* per load for the timber and 4*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* for the plank, but it is all at your service. I will provide as much as promised, and hope I shall content the builder who uses it, and that I may send a quantity of treenails to fill up the waste room in the ship, or I shall not be able to make good the freight. I ask that payment of the money be made to Fras. Mellerton, a farmer of the customs in London, and that if an agreement is made that I may have the imprest formerly demanded, viz., 300*l.* on 1,000*l.* worth, and 500*l.* on 2,000*l.* worth, and also the warrants for the despatch of the timber out of the woods. I will make it my business to provide such goods as shall be fit for great ships. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 163.]

Feb. 25.
Dublin.

Robert Leigh to Williamson. The Lord Lieutenant, who has been ill for some days not without some apprehension of danger, is pretty well again, and hopes in a day or two to leave his chamber. The news by the last packet of some rub Col. Talbot met with in his great undertaking has given much occasion of discourse and content to those settled in their possessions pursuant to the late Acts, which if invaded in the least would certainly occasion much confusion in this kingdom. I suppose the address by those concerned is with you before now, and will help to persuade you that there are many more concerned to preserve the settlement than to destroy it. Let me have your answer to my last proposition concerning yourself in this country. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 36.]

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Report to the Commissioners for executing the Acts of Settlement and Explanation of the lands confirmed to Sir Jerome Alexander in reprise for his own deficiency, comprising 330 acres 29 perches Irish, in the baronies of Fertullagh, Kells, and Tenehinch, in the counties of Westmeath, Meath, and Queen's county respectively. Copy certified by Thomas Taylor and John Pettie, sub-commissioners. Endorsed, "Mrs. Betty Alexander's report for lands." [*Ibid.* No. 37.]

Feb. 26.
Oxford.

Dr. Peter Mews to Williamson. Complaining of the encroachments by the town on the streets, and asking that the King might give it in charge to the Judge of Assize to stop this nuisance. Sir Edward Seabrite of Worcestershire, who is here, says though he was the first person who disturbed Robin Hood and that mad crew, he suffered no prejudice by them. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 259.]

Feb. 26.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Yesterday sailed for London the *Orange-tree* from Bermuthoes, laden principally with the fruit of that country; very fine oranges, but no lemons. The merchant reports they have had certain news from Jamaica that the Spaniards had landed there, burnt plantations, carried away some prisoners, took some vessels, tied the men back to back and put them down the hold, and then set [fire to the] ships. [*Torn. Ibid.* No. 260.]

Feb. 26.
Queen's College,
Oxford.

Thomas Crosthwaite to Williamson. I have had no great experience of Sir Francis yet, but he promises well, and I hope will answer the expectation of his friends and country. Mr. Provost has promised him the next chamber that falls, our present exigence having put them now all three into that chamber immediately above Mr. Denton's. [*Ibid.* No. 261.]

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Feb. 26. Richard Watts to Williamson. Yesterday came six East Indiamen
Deal. outward bound. To-day they took in fresh provisions, as sheep,
hogs, fowls, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 262.]

Feb. 26. James Blackborne to James Hickes. All our Newfoundland-
Plymouth. men are gone. [*Ibid.* No. 263.]

Jan. and Feb. Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson of King's and mer-
chants' ships in the Downs, the wind, &c. :—

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264	Jan. 1	1	0	1	N.W.	
265	" 3	1	6	0	N.W.	
266	" 4	1	6	3	S.W.	Weather stormy. About 70 or 80 outward-bound Flemish ships forced into the Downs by contrary winds.
267	" 7	1	7	0	N.N.W.	To-day a Flemish vessel from Amsterdam to Santabastan's (? St. Sebastian's) ran aground near Sandown Castle, but was got off by Deal boats. She was much hurt, so that they have to land some of her cargo, but hope to save her. Her cargo is cannons and powder, and anchors and cables.
268	" 8	1	7	0	S.W.	The Flemish vessel has been brought to Dover pier. About 20 more Flemings came into the Downs to-day with one man-of-war.
269	" 9	1	7	0	S.W.	Weather stormy.
270	" 12	1	8	5	S.W.	Weather stormy.
271	" 14	1	11	0	S.W.	
272	" 15	1	11	0	S.W.	
273	" 16	1	12	1	N.W.	
274	" 17	1	14	3 or 4	S.W.	
275	" 18	1	14	14 or 15	S.W.	
276	" 19	1	15	1	W.	
277	" 20	1	17	4	S.W.	
278	" 23	1	20	2	W.N.W.	
279	" 24	1	20	1	S.W.	
280	" 25	1	21	0	S.W.	Weather stormy.
281	" 26	1	24	1	N.W.	
282	" 28	2	24	2	N.W.	
283	" 29	2	32	14	S.W.	
284	" 30	2	25	1	N.N.W.	
285	" 31	2	25	1	N.N.E.	This morning the wind presented fair, but it is such stormy weather that the ships cannot weigh anchor. They ride very hard, but as yet there is no great damage done.
286	Feb. 1	2	0	1	N.E.	The stormy weather continues, but most of the outward-bound ships have weighed, and the rest are endeavouring to do so.
287	" 2	2	0	2	E. hard.	The rest of the outward-bound fleet sailed to-day.
288	" 3	2	1	0	S.E.	
289	" 4	2	1	0	S.E.	
290	" 7	2	2	0	S.W.	
291	" 10	2	2	3	S.W.	
292	" 11	2	2	3	S.E.	
293	" 12	2	1	1	S.	
294	" 15	2	2	1	S.	
295	" 22	2	1	0	N.	
296	" 23	2	1	0	S.S.W.	
297	" 25	3	5	0	E. fresh gale.	
298	" 26	3	7	0	W.N.W.	

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Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. To-day is reshipping for Holland the bullion and merchandise saved from the Dutch East India ship lately cast away on the Goodwin Sands. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 288, No. 1.]

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Truro.

Captain Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Concerning the witch described more fully in Thomas Holden's letter of same date. Note at foot from Hickes to Williamson: This is the third letter sent you from Capt. Acland, but no return to him of your written intelligence yet. [*Ibid.* No. 2.]

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Grittleton,
Wiltshire.

Dr. P. Tullie to Williamson. Desiring his assistance in procuring him the living of Dauntsey, worth about 120*l.* per annum, likely soon to be vacant by the death of Dr. Davenant. [*Ibid.* No. 3.]

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Knutsford.

John Aldcroft to James Hickes. Promising to send "the points and your son's purse by Saturday's post." [*Ibid.* No. 4.]

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Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. A woman about Looe is apprehended for a witch. I am informed she has discovered that she was in the fleet when the Duke of York was at sea, and hindered the prosecution of that victory against the Dutch, and that she has been the cause of the Queen's barrenness and several other things, and that she caused the bull to kill Col. Robinson, an M.P. and J.P., because he prosecuted the Nonconformists, she being one herself, either a Presbyterian or "Baptize." She was discovered by cats dancing in the air, and inviting one of her neighbours to the same craft. Some say she is maze and saith and confesseth anything, but letters that came thence say she hath several marks about her where the devil has sucked her. She is in gaol; the assizes being near, I shall then give you a more certain account. [*Ibid.* No. 5.]

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Leghorn.

Sir Thos. Clutterbuck to the Navy Commissioners. I send copy of my letter of the 6th, and recommend its contents to your consideration, beseeching that my just desires therein may be speedily executed, so that I may enjoy more peace than of late. I ask for punctual discharge of my bill drawn upon you for 500*l.*, payable to Signor Francesco Milanese or order, noting it to my debt. I send the purser's indents for three months' victuals delivered to the *Jersey*, for which I desire credit in my new account, which ship, with several rich merchantmen under her convoy, will sail homewards to-night or to-morrow morning, the commanders being all desirous to see the English letters before they depart, which are hourly expected; and there are ten more ships, laden at Marseilles, at the Isles of Yeres (Hyères) to join them. The purser of the *Guernsey* cannot send his indents on shore; the ship being denied pratique has occasioned much confusion and disorder. [*2½ pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 164.]

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Certificate by Charles Hawkins and Thomas Farar of the result of their survey of the bread on board the *Welcome*. [*Ibid.* No. 165.]

Feb. 28.
Lyme.

James Blackborne to James Hickes. The wind still continues easterly. The Earl of Bath is just come, and to-day it is ordered

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that the Knight of the Shire be chosen on 9 March. The competitors are Sir Coppleston Bamfeild and Mr. Reynolds. Great parties are making, but it is believed the former will carry it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 288, No. 6.]

Feb. 27-28. News-letter. [Part of the news in *Fleming Calendar*, p. 75.] In Holland they say there is little hope of an accommodation between the Bishop of Münster and the other princes of Germany; most of the neighbouring princes interesting themselves in their quarrels, being not pleased to see such forces on foot. Letters from Brussels say it is thought the persons were lately apprehended there only for coining, others say for holding correspondence with the French. The great preparations of the French in their new conquests have not a little disturbed their neighbours, though we are told there will be no war this summer in any part of Europe.

28th.—Her Royal Highness was last night somewhat ill, but is to-day pretty well, as is also the Duke of Cambridge. Our last Dutch letters say that Sir Thomas Sandys and Captain O'Bryen were at the Hague attending the progress of the proceedings against them here. Yesterday was interred with much funeral pomp the body of Sir John Mennes, attended by many persons of note. [3 pages. *Ibid.* No. 7.]

Feb. 28.
Emmanuel
College,
Cambridge.

Dr. John Breton, Vice-Chancellor, to Lord Arlington. There has lately been an unhappy miscarriage in a young scholar—the framing of a letter in his Majesty's name, with a pretended seal, and your lordship's name subscribed. I find nothing but folly and wantonness at bottom, the boy designing to abuse the credulity of one Perry, a busy informer against the fanatics, a very mean person, who gave out that he had written letters against them to be shewed to his Majesty. He was discovered by the care of Dr. Turner, Master of St. John's, of which he is a scholar. Having sent the letter and examination with these, and secured his person, I desire to receive your commands about him. [*Ibid.* No. 8.]
Enclosed,

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Examination of Lewis Maidwell, of St. John's College, before Dr. John Breton, J.P., Vice-Chancellor, deposing that the annexed writing is in his hand, and that he caused it to be delivered to Stephen Perry, not from any ill intention, but to make sport with him, having heard that he had sent a letter to the King concerning Sir Thomas Sclater and the fanatics. [Ibid. No. 8I.]

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The King to Stephen Perry. Concerning his complaints against Sir Thomas, and desiring him to acquaint the said Sir Thomas to be more vigorous against the fanatics, under pain of being summoned before the Council, and to show this letter to the Mayor that he may support Perry in his office. [Ibid. No. 8II.]

Feb. 28.

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College,
Cambridge.

Dr. Fras. Turner to [Williamson]. I hope soon to bring the transcripts you requested of a MS. out of Bennet library. The delay was caused by the Master's absence. Stephen Perry, a fellow who serves our college, and is an informer against conventicles, which

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are impudent enough at Cambridge, brought me a rude narrative of complaints against Sir Thomas Slater, J.P., for not vigorously executing the Act on information against fanatic meetings, which he would have presented to the King or Duke. I kept it to prevent his being laughed at, but he bragged that the King was acquainted with his matters, and he expected a speedy answer; whereon a youth, the one employed to make the transcript, who came from the top of Westminster School, played a Westminster trick, drew up an answer as from the King, counterfeiting his hand, and sealing it with a crown piece, gave it to Perry, who took it to the Mayor and an Alderman, who credited it, and then he brought it with great joy to me. I saw at once that it was a cheat, and undeceived the Mayor, but the Mayor brought it before the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Breton. The boy was summoned, and could not deny it, but, as he is studious and inoffensive, and of excellent faculties, I hope his inexcusable impudence may be looked over, being without malice. The Vice-Chancellor has written to Lord Arlington about it, and sends you his letter open. I ask a line by an early post to know whether he will be forgiven. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 288, No. 9.]

[Feb. ?] Petition of Katherine, wife of Rich. Halliwell, tobacco cutter, to Lord Arlington, for enlargement from the custody of a messenger, with whom she has lain near nine weeks, on payment of 10*l.* fees. He charges 25*l.*, though she has had neither meat nor drink from him, and her friends, being poor, cannot raise more for her. She will not even have a bed to lie on, and if not released must perish for doing nothing but what became a wife to her husband, although after examination by his lordship and the Lords in Parliament her deliverance is ordered. [*Ibid.* No. 10.]

[Feb. ?] Edmond Ferrou, attorney of the Court of Common Pleas, to the King. Praying for pardon and discharge; being imprisoned, he cannot appear to an attachment issued last Hilary term [1671] for arresting certain defendants in an action in which he was retained by the plaintiffs, having believed that his clerk had duly sued out process with the philazer, which had not been done, owing to the clerk's or philazer's neglect. Marked, "Lord H. Howard." [*Ibid.* No. 11.]

[Feb. ?] Request that his Majesty should recommend to the Mayor and Corporation of Shrewsbury Thomas Bawdewin, now steward there, to be elected as recorder, in place of Sir Timothy Tourner, deceased. [*Ibid.* No. 12.]

Feb. The King to the Corporation of Shrewsbury. Recommending the said Thomas Bawdewin for the said place. [*Draft. Ibid.* No. 13.]

[Feb. ?] John Harwell, barrister of the Inner Temple, to the King. Petition praying for the Town Clerkship of Ludlow, void by the death of John Rickards. [*Ibid.* No. 14.]

Feb. 28. Approbation of Thomas Jones as Town Clerk of Ludlow. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 72.*]

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Feb. 28. Caveat in favour of Col. Carlos, that nothing pass of a King's waiter's place, London, lately void by the death of Edward Eggleston. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 32, p. 11.*]

Feb. 28. Warrant granting to Sir Philip Monckton, Bevil Skelton, and Herbert Jeffreys, three captains of the Foot Guards, quartered at York, 400*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*, being the fines levied on conventicles in Yorkshire, now in the hands of the said Sir Philip Monckton. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 97.*]

Feb. 28. Edw. Gray to Thos. Hayter. Asking for an order from the Navy Commissioners for the working of Mr. Stockman's masts. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 296, No. 166.*]

Feb. 28. Joseph Smith and John Shore to the Navy Commissioners. We have examined and compared the original journal of Capt. Humphrey Fleming, late master and commander of the *Batchelor* pink, with the copy delivered by him into the office, and find that from 29 Oct. 1669, when the pink was off Sancta Diago, to 1 April 1670, when she arrived at Rio de la Cruz, they differ in wind, course, distance, &c., but that it was occasioned by the original journal allowing 31 days to February. Note dated 2 March that they have also compared the captain's journal with that of Wm. Chambers the mate, and that although they do not agree, they conceive it was not done out of design, but was the fault of the transcriber. [*Ibid. No. 167.*]

Feb. Jas. Kimber to Sam. Pepys. I thank you for your kindness. I hope it will continue, as I want employment, and have no other friend but God and you to apply to. Twelve months since I had the command of a small ship, which foundered at sea, when six out of fifteen under me were drowned, and I lost all I had in the world. Sir Jeremy Smith has questioned me about the *St. Patrick* being taken, but you know my warrant was directed to Portsmouth and I went there, and that after that the Navy Commissioners gave me a warrant as master of the *Providence*. [*Ibid. No. 168.*]

Feb. Petition of James Kimber to the Navy Commissioners for a master's place in one of the ships going to the Straits. He served in the late war against the Dutch in a similar capacity and suffered great losses, and has proffered several petitions for employment without any avail. [*Ibid. No. 169.*]

Feb. Petition of Mrs. Page to the Navy Commissioners for the allowance of certain moneys due from the owners of the *Sarah*, which she will set off on her bill for a fireship she sold them in 1666. Several cables, sails, cordage &c., were shipped on board the *Sarah* at Barbadoes on his Majesty's account, but in coming home she met with a hurricane near Bermuda, and was forced to cut away her masts, &c., and by the great Providence of God got into New England, where they were forced to make use of such cables, sails, &c., for which the owners of the said ship are willing to allow what their Honours may think fit. [*Ibid. No. 170.*]

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Feb. Petition of Thos. Jagger, purser of the *Warspite*, to the Navy Commissioners, that their order made on the petition of Mrs. Wells, the widow of his predecessor, directing him to render a slop account distinguishing the clothes issued by him and Wells, the former purser, may be respited until his steward comes home, who is at sea in the *Guernsey* or *Jersey*, as he cannot do what is required without him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 296, No. 171.]
- [Feb. ?] Petition or request of Wm. Hill to the Navy Commissioners for employment as a master's mate in one of the ships bound for Iceland, having served ten years as gunner's mate and pilot, and being unwilling to absent himself from his Majesty's service, having no fortune but his own industry. [*Ibid.* No. 172.]
- [Feb. ?] Petition of Mary widow of Henry Avis, late boatswain of the hulk at Portsmouth, for an order for payment of 6*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.* due to her husband upon signed bills and tickets for pilotage and wages to his servants named, having come up from Portsmouth upon this occasion only, and having much to pay for debts owing by her deceased husband. [*Ibid.* No. 173.]
- [Feb. ?] Mary Clark, widow of Robert Clark, late of Wapping, to the Navy Commissioners. Petition, stating that her husband, 18 June 1666, sold the *Charles* for the King's use for 600*l.*; that after the ship was delivered to Capt. Johnson, the King's officer, she was so damaged by running on a bank that when sold her materials produced only 303*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*, though appraised at 366*l.*, so that even on the appraisement the petitioner's damage amounts to 234*l.*; and praying for satisfaction. [*Ibid.* No. 174.] *Annexed,*
- Jan. 24. Certificate by W. Castle echoing the petition. [*Ibid.* No. 175.]
Account of the sums received for the hull and materials of the Charles. [*Ibid.* No. 176.]
The appraisement referred to in the above letter. [*Ibid.* No. 177.]
- Feb. 28. Licence to Sir John Mounson to empark 320 acres at Broxbourne in Hertfordshire. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 19.*]
- Feb. 28. Discharge of arrears of tenths due to the King for several rectories and vicarages in the City of Winchester. [*Ibid.*]
- Feb. 28. Commission to Sir Charles Wheeler as Governor of the Caribbee Islands. [*Ibid.*]
- Feb. 28. Warrant to the Exchequer for payment to the Treasurer of the African Company of 4,000*l.* for his Majesty's adventure therein. [*Ibid.* No. 20.]
- [Feb. ?] William Sarsfield of Lucan to the King. Petition stating that both he and his ancestor William Sarsfield, from whom he derives most of his estate, were declared innocent in the Court of Claims, but that his father Patrick, through perjury, was declared nocent, whereby the petitioner's estate is, as he conceives, vested in his Majesty during his father's life; that Sir Theophilus Jones, who was

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possessed of most of the said estate, is fully reprized for the same, and the Bishop of Ferns and Leighlin and Sir G. Blundell hold part as intruders without any colour of right; the Bishop of Kildare pretends his Majesty's letter for what he enjoys, and Alderman Hutchison holds 250*l. per annum* of it, pretending as an adventurer, whereby his Majesty is deprived of the profit of a considerable estate, and the petitioner left destitute of present subsistence, and therefore praying a letter to the Lord Lieutenant to issue a commission of inquiry by what title the said persons hold the estate, that his Majesty's title being found, his Majesty may make such disposition thereof in favour of the petitioner as his Majesty in his bounty shall think fit. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 38.*] *Annexed,*

Feb. *The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Ordering him to issue a commission of inquiry as prayed in the above petition. [1½ page. Draft. Ibid. No. 381.]*

March 1. Richard Pitt to Williamson. Asking him if Lord Arlington will order an answer to the enclosed, to give notice to his lodging in the Strand. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 15.*]

March 1. Anthony Thorold to James Hickee. Yesterday arrived the *Amity*
Lyme. in twenty days from Croisic, where the news was that a fast friendship was made between the French and Dutch, who were to pay the French a considerable sum. The master says the French have several ships of great force fitted; some he saw sailing under Belle Isle of 80 guns. [*Ibid. No. 16.*]

March 1. The King to the University of Cambridge, directing them to confer on Thomas Vyner, B.D., the degree of D.D. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 67.*]

March 1. Rich. Gibson to the Navy Commissioners. My last by the
Port Mahon. *Centurion* only mentioned what masts I had in store last January, since which I have delivered masts and spars to the *Warwick* and three other ships, which will tell you what now remains, but a paper enclosed will give you notice what the general stores amounted to on 1 January, as also what is wanting to carry on the expense here to Michaelmas. I shall also require some blocks, sheet copper—which is half a piece of eight per lb., which is less than ours by a proportion of 104 to 92 here—some oars, and canvas; but only the best stores ought to be sent, or great loss will ensue, as it will raise the freight to their worth; and if no better places are provided for lodging the stores than those hitherto made use of, which cannot be done without building, the worst that has come has been too good to lie in store. If your Honours have any prospect of a continuance of the war, I pray some timber may be sent, to erect two storehouses, 100 feet long and 24 feet broad, which in less than two years will pay for their cost, not only in lessening the expense by preservation of the stores, but also in preserving them from embezzlement, and being trampled upon by hundreds daily passing over them; the pitch and tar, too, is exposed to the summer sun, and the cables are continually being dragged over the rocks.

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Building is not so dear here as is imagined, as one of their stones—and the country has little else for building—is a foot square at either end and two long, a dozen of which may be laid together in an ordinary wall for about a piece of eight. I send a sketch of the caves used for the stowage of the stores, &c., and where the storehouses may be erected. You will see by the Admiral's orders of last November that I was warranted in building them, and was enjoined to put the fleet to whole allowance for want of conveniences for the stowage of the two months' provisions brought with me, although I did not find sufficient in store for fifty men for a month. As to the remains of victuals, I have 200 bags of bread, and all other things are proportionable, and I have victualled the ships mentioned in a paper annexed, but Sir Wm. Jennens and the victuallers have not yet arrived. I propose that only eight months' victuals be sent yearly in the proportions and at the times mentioned, so as to avoid loss and damage, and that I be supplied with money to complete what is wanting, and to pay the short allowance in the fleet, which is so far in arrear that I fear little will be left of what the Admiral is going for, when the debts are paid, but I hope I shall answer your expectations and the intent of my coming hither. Particulars of the removal of 1,060 bags of bread, of which upwards of 400 lbs was damaged, besides over 100 bags spoiled by the rats, and which was also liable to great risks by being carried by men with empty bellies. I ask for 200 tons of new staves and iron hoops, as those received are good for nothing, most of them having passed two reducings by being cropped for puncheons and afterwards set up for hogsheads. I have also no slop clothes, and have before sent you the wants of the fleet by the *Jersey* and *Centurion*. I do not lie in telling you that the *Warwick* left a man behind who died two days after of Sylla's disease, yet it is believed that one-third of the slop-clothes issued marches off by cock fighting, a sea phrase when sold for liquor, which was one reason that led the Admiral to issue an order, of which a copy is enclosed, for the seamen to have a pint of sound drinkable wine a man per day in lieu of beer, which I hear by Capt. Wyborne, who laid out 1,000 pieces of eight for me at Ivecá, is just double the price there of beverage wine, as Port Mahon cannot afford six butts, which is as dear as the best. The seamen's necessities for shoes have been so great that four captains requested me to supply their men, and to stop it out of their short allowance, which I have done by ordering 450 pair of a shoemaker here. I sent Sir Denis Gauden the indents for supplying the *Golden Hand* and six other ships, and the remainder of the stores which I brought out with me, which were sufficient for one day for 12,330 men, I delivered to the *Portsmouth* frigate and *Victory* fireship, but they went away without indenting. I desire that all necessary money to be sent for victuals may be invested in candles, and half the money for sick and wounded in spices and sugar, as neither can be had here. I received 74½ pieces of eight of the pursers of the *Mary*, *Garland*, *Advice*, and *Warwick*, for two hogsheads of tallow delivered by the commanders' orders (copies enclosed), which your Honours are to charge against me as imprest, but bought 7 cwt, and 3 quarters of

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pork tallow at $3\frac{1}{2}$ pieces of eight per cwt. to supply it, which Capt. Beare told me was quite as good for the boatswain's use. I pray Lord Brouncker's pardon for not sending copies of the musters taken, as the books I hitherto had have only been for casting the mediums of victualling or muster rolls, and I have no other way to send them than by Leghorn to meet with such ships as may be going home, and besides I have no order for examining into the quality of the men; but I am unwilling to offend, and pray his lordship's explanation of his Royal Highness's instructions concerning it. The Admiral has enjoined me to muster all ships on their arrival and departure, but I have not been able to do it for reasons enclosed, and what is unfilled therein was occasioned by the Admiral's and muster master's presence. I ask for Sir Jeremy Smith's patience for the certificates for cast provisions, and as to how I find each ship's expense by their receipts and issues agree with the medium upon the book. I send duplicate of my letter by the *Centurion*. I have not an iron hoop in store, and have added to the survey and demand what I have since delivered out. [5 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 1.] *Enclosed,*

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Nov. 15.

Sir Edw. Spragg to Rich. Gibson. Warrant authorising him to hire or build a convenient place for reception of stores, being copy of the one alluded to in Gibson's letter of 11 Jan. [Ibid. No. 2.]

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The same to the same. As the fleet under my command is not only very sickly but also bare of clothes, to the dulling of their spirits, so that I fear an obstruction in prosecuting the war for want of men, and seeing the great straits you are in for want of convenience for stowage of provisions arrived from England in the Bermudas Merchant, and being also assured of a greater supply thence with the convoy coming with the herring fleet, and seeing no way for securing them when they arrive, you are to victual such ships of my fleet as shall come to Port Mahon for three months at whole allowance. [Ibid. No. 3.]

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Rich. Gibson to the Navy Commissioners. [Calendared ante, p. 16. Ibid. No. 4.]

March 1.
Whitehall.

Warrant to the Vice-Treasurer of Ireland to pay to Sir Allen Broderick, late one of the Commissioners for the Settlement of Ireland, 140*l.*, the arrears of his allowance for diet and lodging. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 5.*]

March 1.

List by R. Mildmay of Lord Conway's horses in Ireland, forty-one altogether. [*Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 39.]

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March 2.

News-letter. [News given in other news-letters, and in *Fleming Calendar*, p. 76, where "common dancing" should be "bare country dancing."] [6 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 288, No. 17.]

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Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of news. [*Ibid. No. 18.*]

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March 2.
Deptford.

Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. I cannot get iron-work to fasten the works under water, so that the *Portland* and *Warwick* cannot be launched on the 15th as appointed. There is no iron in the smith's shop to make bolts, and the smith has gone as far as his credit permits. I ask if the *Portland* is to be sheathed. The elm timber demanded is much wanted. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 5.]

March 2.
Port Mahon.

Capt. Amos Beare to the Navy Commissioners. The *Mary*, *Garland*, and *Portsmouth* pink having been cleaned, sailed the last of January for Algiers, but the two latter returned 15 February, having lost company of the *Mary* on that coast. The *Newcastle* also arrived, having sprung her mainmast and lost the fleet in a storm in the Gulf of Lyons, except a vessel of Bristol bound for Venice. The *Warwick* and *Advice* having been cleaned, sailed 19 February with the *Garland* and *Portsmouth* for Algiers, and on the 20th the *Mary* returned, when Capt. Heling sent his lieutenant on shore, who was glad to hear the *Garland* and *Portsmouth* had returned, as they feared they were lost. Capt. Heling was very near engaging with four Algiers men-of-war, but a storm of wind at N.N.E. came on at the very instant, and after some chasing he lost them, but has since gone in pursuit. I was forced to take the *Newcastle's* mainmast on shore, and to make it serviceable I have spent the *Warwick's* old mainmast and an outlegger 30 feet long which was of great use to us. I ask your Honours to judge whether the ships to be sent here from England ought not to be allowed a larger quantity of stores, as the *Newcastle* requires cordage and ironwork through her accident. We took a survey of all our stores in December, an account of which Mr. Gibson will send, as also of what has been expended since and what is required for this year's service as compared with the last. I believe the *Golden Hand* is not capable of coming to England. I hope the caulkers Sir Edward Spragg wrote about have been sent, as they are much wanted. There is a general complaint of the new sails. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *Ibid.* No. 6.] *Enclosed*,

March 2.

Certificate by Capt. Daniel Heling and others of new sails received at Port Mahon and of canvas expended. [*Ibid.* No. 7.]

March 2.
Whitehall.

Commission to Archibald Stewart as lieutenant in Col. William Urrie's company in the Earl of Linlithgow's regiment. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 1, p. 93.]

March 2.
Whitehall.

The King to the Earl of Rothes, Chancellor. Requiring him to give notice to the Scotch Commissioners for an Union not to come to London till summoned, and to cause the Council to write to the different shires to perfect the militia. [*Ibid.* p. 94.]

[Before
March 3.]

Charles, Earl of Norwich, his poor dying servant, to the King. Petition praying that in requital for the services of his father, his brother, and himself, his wife may be granted the remainder of his father's pension toward the payment of his debts, and that she may be taken into the King's princely care. Endorsed, "The petition of the Earl of Norwich at his death." [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 288, No. 18A.]

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- March 3. ——— to Sir Geoffrey Shakerley at Chester. Threatening
London. letter. You know in the grave there is no repenting. Consider
and look before you leap. Endorsed, "Conventicles." [*S.P. Dom.,*
Car. II. 288, *No.* 19.]
- March 3. Richard Watts to Williamson. The *London* in the Downs got
Deal. on the sand this morning, but got off, they hope, without damage.
The sand is a long narrow shelf about a league from the shore, and
at springs has not above seventeen feet of water. [*Ibid.* *No.* 20.]
- March 3. Order in Council. Whereas Thomas Martyn, merchant, has
Whitehall. often represented his losses by the violence of two French Governors
in the West Indies, and having, as he alleges, made out his losses
in the Court of Admiralty and solicited the French Ambassador for
reparation without effect, has desired letters of reprisal; his Majesty
does not think fit to grant them, but orders Lord Arlington to
represent to the French Ambassador that his Majesty, when the
ships and goods of French subjects have been detained, to save them
from the vexation and expense of law, frequently refers their cases
to a single person, and on his report orders the restitution of all,
and to desire a similar summary proceeding in Paris in Martyn's
favour, and the English Ambassador is to solicit the same there.
[*Ibid.* *No.* 21.]
- March 3. James Blackborne to James Hickee. The very tempestuous
weather has driven back some of our Newfoundlandmen to Fal-
mouth. [*Ibid.* *No.* 22.]
- March 3. Caveat in favour of Mr. Crosse, that nothing pass of a warehouse-
keeper's place in the Custom House, London. [*S.P. Dom., Entry*
Book 32, *p.* 11.]
- March 3. Privy seal for 3,000*l.* to Sir Samuel Morland, to be charged on
the balance of the Queen's portion remaining due, lately assigned
on the half customs in Portugal. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34,
f. 72.]
- March 3. Privy seal for 3,000*l.* to Sir Frescheville Hollis, to be charged
the same way as the last. [*Ibid.*]
- March. Docquet thereof. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, *No.* 30.]
- March 3. Privy seal for 2,000*l.* to Sir Thomas Player, of his Majesty's
free gift. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, *f.* 72.]
- March. Docquet thereof. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, *No.* 35.]
- March 3. Commander John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. Although
Chatham. the pressed shipwrights and caulkers may be spared, I cannot
promise they will stay for the money which will be due to the
time of their discharge, though they promise to do so, and as there
is none to pay them, it will be best to keep them to prevent their
giving your Honours trouble for their wages. I hope some money will
be sent for their board wages, as they have neither bread nor credit.
I have persuaded Sir Denis Gauden's instrument to supply the
Ordinary with a fortnight's more victuals, and I hope by that time
there will be a sufficient supply. I send two demands for stores, and
for a supply of some knee-timber from Deptford or Woolwich, as
there is none in the yard nor to be had in the neighbourhood.

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The *Plymouth* and *Leopard* are launched, and the *Ann* and *Antelope* docked, and the latter is so bad that she must be stripped to the lower wale. The King is put to excessive charge by removing things from place to place for want of storehouse room. They will begin to lay some great cables next week, but have not room for one half of the strands to be laid. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 8.]

March 3.
Chatham.

John Ruffhead to the Navy Commissioners. I ask for an order to the yard to make out my bills, as after eight months they are as far off as ever, notwithstanding the letter your Honours have received thence. Formerly rother (rudder?) nails was the stick, and now winches for pumps, etc., are the block in the way, so that I see no hopes of ever having my money, and if I had not been helped by the great anchors' bills, I might have starved and the service lain still. Mr. T. W[ilson] is determined I shall not have my money, for he is not to be satisfied with what the master shipwright and his assistants judge to be pump, rother and capstan work. I beg for an imprest for 200*l.* to enable me to pay wages and provide for my family, and that it may be paid to William Hewer on my behalf. [*Ibid.* No. 9.]

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Leghorn.

Sir Thos. Clutterbuck to the Navy Commissioners. I send copy of my letter of the 9th, and as I have not received any answer to my former letters, I have only to ask for a due discharge of my bills, so that I may not hear of any more laments. I send duplicates of the indents of the pursers of the *Jersey* and *Guernsey* for three months' victuals delivered, desiring their amount may be noted to my credit. I sent Sir Denis Gauden Capt. Poole's order for the delivery of three months' victuals, which I furnished him with last December, and to provide the same proportion for each ship against their return from Zante. Capt. Poole and his companions sailed on the 11th. A Dutch ship arrived yesterday from Messina, by which I hear that Captains Robinson and Wyld were there, and may be hourly expected, when I will supply them with whatever they may want. Noted that the pursers' indents were delivered to Sir Jer. Smith. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *Ibid.* No. 10.]

March 3.
Lisburn.

Sir George Rawdon to Viscount Conway. Mr. Harrison and I had appointed next Monday to go over the accounts, but were prevented by a letter to him to be sheriff of Armagh. His son was pricked first and for 10 guineas got off; and nine, ten, or eleven more have been named, and got off for the like considerations. It is to be admired it should be so, not only there but in other counties.—Particulars about accounts, payment of rents, &c.—Lord Massereene gave us a visit yesterday with Mr. Upton and others, and after dinner went in my coach to Lambeg to see your horses, and so returned to Antrim. Our brother Francis has been very ill of jaundice, else had been on his journey ten days ago. He is now almost well. I received your letter, but have no room in my troop. Lord Brien comes in a few days. The muster master being expected, perhaps some may go off that like not removing to Munster, and I may get him in there. I went to Belfast and acquainted Lord Donegal with

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the free plate, which we think best to begin with only 20*l.* value, which you may hereafter increase. The old barb, he told me, should be there to make one. He is much troubled with gout, but very cheerful and a kind neighbour, and so is the lady. I think it best your lordship write not in cypher any more, for your last letter was opened and so ill-sealed that it was apparent. It seems counsels are unstable and factions increase at Court, for last post contradicted the former news of the discountenancing Col. Talbot's projects, and his business is to have another hearing; and the sending for the two titular primates minds me of what you wrote about apprehending Plunket and Rospigho, who I doubt have done mischief, for reports speak of many Irish officers come into this kingdom of late out of Spain and other foreign parts for some ill-purpose, as is apprehended. Mr. Phillips, dining with me, told me of the danger he had in his passage with Lord Castlehaven. They were three weeks in the Isle of Man, and the seamen advised the passengers to prepare for another world, which his lordship did not believe; but a great wave filling the vessel, he swore he thought now they should be drowned, and pulled out his beads. He has drums beating at Kilkenny and elsewhere for volunteers to serve in Flanders. I wish Mr. Halbert had not brought over more than one or two workmen, that our carpenters might have wrought under him and learned to work well. Capt. Thelwell will manage that affair as prudently and privately as he can with your lieutenant. You have well contrived for quartering next summer as you write, though they are exceedingly pleased at Armagh, where they have good diet for 18*d.* a week. I hope there is no likelihood of a war this summer that we shall be engaged in, though we hear much talk of it. If it were so, it is to be hoped it would be more minded at Court, where we hear of strange frolics, entertainments, and jollities. God give success to the great charge and care you are pleased to be at for our son. His brothers are well, and I hope may prove fit for Oxford or Cambridge, but if Mr. Peers be a sober and good student and able scholar, I think he will be more careful of them than a stranger. [2½ pages. *Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 40.*]

[Feb. ?] Daniel des Fontaines, M.D., Physician-General of the Army in Ireland, to the King. As he has got acquaintance of some honest foreigners that will join him in the plantation and improvement of some lands at Carrick, requesting leave of absence to repair thither when his presence may be necessary, he leaving an able physician to officiate in his absence, and also praying for payment of his arrears to enable him to go on with the plantation. [*Ibid. No. 41.*]

March 3. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Granting the prayer of the said petition in the terms thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 10.*]

March 3. Warrant to the Vice-Treasurer of Ireland to pay to the Duke of Ormonde 500*l.* in part discharge of 1,000*l.* advanced by him in 1664 to the Countess of Portland as part of 5,000*l.* given her in Ireland, there being no moneys then in the Treasury of that king-

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dom, on which the said 5,000*l.* was charged, a warrant of last April directing payment of 500*l.* within six months not having been executed. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 7.*]

March 4. John Powell to James Hickes. On the 2nd arrived the *Sub-*
Milford. *mission* from Lisbon with a packet for the Queen, which has been forwarded by the post, and also two ships from Ireland for France, with beef, tallow, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 23.*]

[March 4.] The state of the case of the sugar plantations in America. The state of the English sugar trade with that of Portugal. The case between the English sugar plantations and the refiners stated. [*Calendared in S.P. Col., America, &c., 1669-74, pp. 214-216. Printed paper. Ibid. No. 24.*]

[March 4.] The case of the refiners of sugar in England stated. The refining of sugar in England is an ancient manufacture, and has grown from eight refining houses to near thirty within these twenty years, chiefly by the increase of brown sugar from our own plantations; the quantity thereof used by refiners in England may be computed at 5,000 tons annually. To discourage the manufacture will be prejudicial to the plantations in that their brown sugars not being spent by the refiner, nor this kingdom being able to spend them in kind, the planter will not only lie at the foreigner's mercy as to the market, but the manufacture itself will be forced abroad. The following proportion of rates is therefore proposed:—From the English plantations—Muscovadoes, $\frac{1}{4}d.$ per lb.; sun dried and clayed, $\frac{1}{2}d.$ per lb.; white, $1d.$ per lb. Three pounds of brown sugar as commonly imported will not produce one pound of refined. Now, as the brown sugars are manufactured in England, and many hundred tons of syrups annually exported, paying more than five per cent. custom on exportation, and several other duties, taxes, and excise, his Majesty receives more by brown at a farthing than by white at a penny per lb.; besides, the importation of brown vastly more increases navigation than if made in the plantations and then imported. Brazil and all foreign whites $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ per lb., which will be some curb to the Brazil planters, but the English Portugal merchant is still capacitated to export our merchandise and make his returns in this and other commodities. The importation of white sugar is not so essential to their Portugal trade, for by the entry at the Custom House in 1669, the greatest import lately known, but 705 tons of white sugar were imported, which at their own price of 56*s.* per cwt. amounts to 39,480*l.*, so that their sugar returns are not above a tenth part of their trade.

The case between the English plantations and the refiners by some of the planters stated, and by the refiners answered.

This sets out the clauses of the third of the preceding papers already calendared and answers them thus:—1. By the Custom books for 1669, 8,338 tons of Muscovado sugar were entered and but 118 of white. 2. The poorer sort of English planters are the strength of the colonies. Therefore they ought to have all possible encouragement in making Muscovado sugar, and nothing can more contribute to their ruin than imposing as much on Muscovado

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sugars worth but 23s. per cent. (*sic.* ? cwt.) as on sun dried and clayed worth from 35s. to 50s. per cent. (*sic.* ? cwt.). 3. As brown sugars are imported from the Barbados, three pounds of Muscovado will not make one of white; and considering many home duties paid by the manufacturer, the King receives above a penny a lb. on all refined sugars made in England, and whatever less than a penny is laid on white sugars imported is a proportionable discouragement to the manufacture here and loss to the revenue. There is above double the number of twelve refining houses in England, and no Englishman is abridged setting up more. 4. Refining in England and planting in America reciprocally advance each other, and it is impossible that the English refiners can engross the brown sugar, and thereby set what rate they please on them, there being sixty sugar-houses at Amsterdam and forty at Hamburgh, and several others in Holland, Zealand, and Flanders, who buy at least one-third of the brown sugars imported, and will have them above twelve per cent. cheaper (the excise considered) than the English refiner can. The more the manufactory of white and clayed sugars shall be encouraged in America than in England, the more will the poor brown sugar planters there be discouraged, England's navigation decreased, the revenue impaired, our home manufacture lessened, and consequently our lands in England undervalued. [*Long printed paper. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 25.*]

[March 4.] Reasons humbly offered by the refiners of sugar in England for the proportion of four on white to one on brown in the imposition to be laid on sugar. The refining in England is an ancient manufacture, which has been encouraged not only here, but also in parts beyond the seas, as in France by imposing 60 per cent. on all refined sugar imported, and in Holland by imposing above 90 per cent. on sugar syrups imported. It was never doubted before whether it were the interest of England to preserve the manufacture of sugar here from ruin or to encourage it wholly in America. When the rates of customs were last set in 1660, brown unpurged sugars from the English plantations were rated at 1s. 6d. per cent. and Brazil whites at 7s. 4d. per cent., which is near five to one; yet that was not deemed sufficient to protect the English refiner, who then made only loaf sugar (not powder sugar as they do now), but 17s. per cent. was imposed on all loaf sugar imported, which is above twelve to one, notwithstanding there were divers refining houses erected in Barbados itself, little of the middle sorts being then imported. By the same policy, we may as well encourage the manufacture of cotton wool or any other in America, whereby in a few years our too much declining lands in England will become as inconsiderable as lands in Spain. It is England's interest to encourage refining in a double respect. First as to our affairs in Europe, as it increases navigation by their great consumption of sea coals, by the carriage of their manufactured goods from one port to another here and by their export; also by the vast expense on the operation thereof, besides many arts and trades depend thereupon. Secondly as to our affairs in America, for the

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more the brown sugars are diminished by their making them white there, the more our navigation thence is lessened. Refining in England promotes sugar planting in America, and our growths in America, as they produce ground work for our manufactures in England and employment for our shipping, are the two great advantages England receives by the plantations. To import sugar brown will employ at least thrice the number of ships as will serve to import them white, so the question is, whether it be England's interest to increase or decrease our navigation, and secondly whether we should have our manufacturers and labourers in the sugar trade fed at home or from New England. [Reasons are then given similar to those in the last paper to show that four to one is a fair proportion.] From Michaelmas '68 to Michaelmas '69 were imported to England from English plantations 11,227 tons of brown and 138 of white, but one part in 80. From Portugal the same year were imported 71 brown and 742 white, ten times more in whites than browns. So the English plantations making more brown, and Brazil more white, if white sugars, as well from Portugal as from English plantations, be imported at under rates, they will flow in from Portugal, not only to the lessening of England's navigation and the ruin of the domestic manufacture, but also to the ruin of most of the English plantations. If a higher rate be put on whites imported from Portugal than from our own plantations, that will secure the makers of white in Barbados; but if at least the proportion of four to one be not imposed even on those from English plantations, it will be a lessening of the revenue, prejudicial to England's navigation, and destructive to the domestic manufacture. If refining be beaten out of England into Holland, the brown sugar trade from our plantations, notwithstanding the Navigation Act, will soon follow; but if encouraged in America more than in England, not only the domestic manufacture will be ruined, but our navigation from the plantations vastly lessened, the trade of our English merchants thither quite laid aside, the sugar plantations, especially Barbados, come into fewer hands, whereby it will not only become less able to resist any foreign enemy, but far less dependent upon England. [*Printed paper, with MS. notes by Williamson. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 26.*]

[March 4.] The inconsiderable employment of people by the refining of sugar in England compared with that which is given by the trade with Portugal. The trade with Portugal vents yearly 400,000*l.* worth of the growths and manufactures of England, and fish, which cannot be made without the hands of 35,000 artificers, and employs about 120 ships and above 2,000 mariners, besides all those employed to equip them. The refining trade, with about twenty houses, employs not above 200 labourers, with a few pot-makers and coopers, nor are they likely to employ more, for by their own papers they say that one refining house can make yearly as much white sugar as is imported from Portugal, therefore the twenty may work up more brown than is brought from the plantations, so this manufacture can never employ more hands. The proportion of $2\frac{1}{2}$ of brown to one of white is much to the refiner's advantage, for most of the

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white they make is vended by them at 6*d.* to 6½*d.* per lb., which confutes their assertion that the proportion of four to one is too hard on the brown, for if so they must lose 4*d.* per lb. on every pound of white powder sugar they sell. Now if one of white be charged at more than 2½ of brown, it will destroy the revenue by white sugar, to give the sole trade thereof to a few refiners, the chiefest of whom, being in co-partnership, may combine and put what rate they please thereon, and it must totally exclude the small quantity of white from Portugal, which may bring a retaliation on our woollen manufactures, fish, &c., of which the consequences will be giving up this trade to the French and Dutch, who trade thither with the same commodities, to the ruin of so many thousand English now employed in the Portugal trade, and the diminishing the shipping of this kingdom. It is therefore humbly conceived it will be too great a damage to this kingdom to lose so profitable a trade as the Portugal by putting the employment of 200 labourers in the refining houses in competition with that of 35,000 manufacturers, besides 2,000 seamen and 120 ships. For these reasons the Portugal merchants allege there can be no better proportion than that 2½ lbs. of brown pay as one of white. [*Printed paper. For all these papers see Commons' Journals IX. 213, Lords' Journals XII. 486, 495, 502. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 27.*]

[March ?] Petition of Walter Clement of Alveston, Gloucestershire, to the King, showing that having once taken the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, he is imprisoned for refusing to take them a second time, although living quietly and obediently, and requesting reference to the Lord Lieutenant or deputy lieutenants whether he shall be compelled to take them again, or be kept in prison, or set at liberty. [*Ibid. No. 28.*]

March 4. Reference to the Marquess of Worcester, Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire, or any two of the deputy lieutenants, of the above petition, that they may inform themselves on what grounds he is committed to prison, and whether this proceeds not from some particular animosity to him, and if they find accordingly that he may be released, or otherwise to report to his Majesty. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33, p. 146.*]

March 4. Warrant to Capt. George Legg, keeper of Aylesholt and Woolmer
Whitehall. Forests, co. Hants, to take away all setting dogs, greyhounds, guns, nets, and other engines, within ten miles compass, the game there having been lately much destroyed. [*Draft. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 29.*]

Minute thereof, dated the 6th. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 73.*]

March 4. Certificate under the hand of Sir John Trevor, that Charles Bertie, Envoy to the King of Denmark, took leave of the King on that day. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 98.*]

March 4. Commission to Thomas Elphinstoun of Calderhall, to be muster-
Whitehall. master of the militia. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 95.*]

March 4. Warrant for the appointment of John Stevenstoun as master-
Whitehall. porter of Holyrood House, with a salary of 499 Scots marks. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 96.*]

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March 4. Warrant for a gift to Charles Maitland of Halton, treasurer
Whitehall. depute, of all the goods moveable and immoveable pertaining to Patrick Liston, and Patrick and William his sons, now in the King's hands by reason of forfeiture or by their being denounced rebels or declared traitors. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 97.*]
- March 4. Warrant for a gift to the said Charles Maitland of lands in
Whitehall. Langtoun, Wester Kincavill and Colzein, formerly pertaining to Patrick Liston the elder and William his son, now in the King's hands by reason of the doom of forfeiture pronounced against them. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 98.*]
- March 4. Warrant for a gift to Lieutenant-General William Drummond
Whitehall. of the estate of Robert Ker of Kersland, now in the King's hands by reason of forfeiture through the said Robert's rising in arms in the late rebellion with the disloyal and seditious persons who came from the western counties in November 1666. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 99.*]
- March 4. Warrant for a gift to William Hamilton of Wishaw of the estate
Whitehall. and goods, moveable and immoveable, of Major Joseph Lermonth or Lermount, now in the King's hands by reason of the doom of forfeiture pronounced against him for treason and lese majesty. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 100.*]
- March 4. Three warrants for presentations to the Provost and Bailies of
Whitehall. Edinburgh, Lord Rutherford, and Andrew Brown of Dolphinstoun, ——— Bothnell of Gillencorse, and ——— Murray of Skeirling, for the admission of the said William Hamilton to the lands held of them respectively by the said Joseph Lermonth or Lermount. [*Docquets. Ibid. pp. 101–103.*]
- March 4. Two warrants for a gift to John Hamilton, junior, of Halcraig,
Whitehall. of the estates and goods, moveable and immoveable, of William Porterfield of Quarrelltoun and Alexander his brother, now in the King's hands by reason of the dooms of forfeiture pronounced against them for treason and lese majesty. [*Docquets. Ibid. pp. 104, 106.*]
- March 4. Two warrants for presentations to ——— Porterfield and the
Whitehall. Earl of Glencairn, for the admission of the said John Hamilton to the lands held of them respectively by the said William and Alexander Porterfield. [*Docquets. Ibid. pp. 105, 107.*]
- March 4. Warrant for a rehabilitation and gift to William Maxwell junior,
Whitehall. and Margaret his sister, of all the lands and goods pertaining to them before the sentence of forfeiture of life and goods pronounced on 16 August, 1667 against John Maxwell, junior, of Murreith, their father deceased, and all the benefit of the contract of marriage between the said John Maxwell and Margaret Agnew. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 108.*]
- March 4. Warrant for a presentation to James, Bishop of Galloway, for the
Whitehall. admission of William Maxwell, the elder, of Murreith, to the lands held of him by the said John Maxwell. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 109.*]

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- March 4. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. The Earl of Burlington and Cork having claimed the lands ordered by the letter of February 17th to be granted to Philip Frowde by virtue of prior letters patent, directing him to hear the evidence on behalf of the said earl, and to report thereon, and in the meantime to stop the passing of any grant to Frowde. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 6.*]
- March 5. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Mentioning the arrival of
Falmouth. three vessels. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 30.*]
- March 5. Richard Watts to Williamson. About two months past a
Deal. Yarmouth ship left the Downs for the Straits under convoy. Being parted by violent winds, she was taken by a pirate of Argier (Algiers), who sent the ship to Algiers, but kept the men on board. Two or three days after, a Dutch man-of-war met the pirate and took her after a sharp dispute, and redeemed eight Englishmen, who were given their passage, and were here to-day. Amongst the Turks was a Welsh runagado, who would have persuaded the Dutch that he never turned, but on search they found what he was, and immediately hanged him at the yard-arm. [*Ibid. No. 31.*]
- March 5. Dr. J. Fell to Williamson. I delayed answering your two letters, expecting Mr. Crofts, from whom I might know your resolutions concerning the conduct of your affair at Queen's College, which he tells me is by way of an agreement with an undertaker. I hope it will turn to your advantage, and presume it may, if the person you deal with be diligent and honest, and one who will make his gain out of the labour of those he employs, and not from the work. Mr. Surveyor will assist you in the particulars of your contract, besides the measures of the whole building and order of it, with reference to strength and ornament; the scantlings of your timbers, the thickness of your walls, and binding them with porpine stones, as also not to spare trouble and charge in sinking for a foundation, which I doubt you may be to seek for, where you are about to build. [*Ibid. No. 32.*]
- March 5. Reference to the Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations of the petition of Ferdinando Gorges. [*Calendared in S.P. Col., America, &c., 1669-74, p. 171. S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33, p. 147.*]
- March 6. John Pocock to James Hickes. The last spring tides last Thurs-
Weymouth. day and Friday (the highest known within the memory of man), with a violent south-east storm, did very great damage here. The sea made a breach of 40 feet in the Grand Pier, and threw down 300 feet of another pier lately built under the North hill, and has likewise done great prejudice to all the quays, so that it's thought 400*l.* will not make good the damage. The same tempest had like to have destroyed a small village in the Isle of Portland called Chissil (Chesil), for at the top of the tide the sea fell in in floods over all the beach, and beat down all their garden walls and sheds. and nearly drowned several persons, particularly two children were so far gone that they could hardly get life in them in a quarter of an hour. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 33.*]
- March 6. Lord Freschville to Williamson. Concerning his proposal about the
York. Manor House at York, and suggesting that the form should be the

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- same as that drawn for Mr. Strickland, except it should be granted to him for the present and for the future to his successors in his employment, and also concerning the repairs of the outbuildings thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 34.*]
- Feb. 28— News-letter. [News identical with that in other news-letters.]
- March 6. [$2\frac{1}{2}$ pages. *Ibid. No. 35.*]
- March 6. Richard Watts to Williamson. This morning the wind suddenly went to the north-east, so the six East Indiamen sailed, and about six others, and two Dutchmen. Regiments are said to march weekly from France into Flanders. [*Ibid. No. 36.*]
- March 6. Captain Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Giving an account of a
Truro. shipwreck off Fowey and another in Mount's Bay during the late foul weather. [*Ibid. No. 37.*]
- [March 6.] Brief abstract of the heads of the Act of Parliament for granting to the King a subsidy for his extraordinary occasions (22 and 23 Car. II. c. 3.). [*See Statutes of the Realm, Vol. V., p. 693. Ibid. No. 38.*]
- March 6. Privy seal for the salary of Sir Charles Wheeler, and privy seal to Sir Charles Wheeler for the pay and entertainment of two companies of foot. [*Both calendared in S.P. Col., America, &c., 1669-74, p. 173. S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 72.*]
- March. Docquets thereof. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 27.*]
- March [$\frac{6}{16}$]. Sir Thos. Clutterbuck to the Navy Commissioners. I send copy
Leghorn. of my letter of the 13th. Having had a bill of exchange drawn upon Sir Denis Gauden and Co. payable to Sigr. Bartolome Monteverdi or order for 276*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* protested and returned, I have drawn another upon your Honours for 291*l.* 7*s.* 11*d.*, including the former bill, and also 14*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.* for loss by exchange and other charges, payable to Sigr. Bartolome Ferri, beseeching its due discharge, noting it to my debt and credit, as my victualling account for October has already had credit for the 276*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* I send duplicate of the purser of the *Guernsey's* indent for three months' victuals delivered to her. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 11.*]
- March 7. Deering Blackburn to James Hickes. Giving names and
Plymouth. particulars of two ships arrived. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 39.*]
- March 1-7. News-letter. 3rd.—The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland is said to have been lately somewhat indisposed with the griping of the guts, but is now better. 7th.—Letters from Holland say that the King of France certainly intended a war with them this summer, and that the Bishop of Münster was to join him, though in the meantime he keeps assuring the States of his sincere friendship, and has lately desired their assistance against the Princes of Lunenburg and Brunswick. [$3\frac{1}{4}$ pages. *Ibid. No. 40.*]
- March 7. Richard Minshull, Master of Sidney, and eight Fellows of the
Cambridge. college. Testimonial in favour of Richard Reynolds, B.A., scholar of the college. [*In Latin. Ibid. No. 41.*]

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March 7. Sir Stephen Fox. Statement of the amount of Sir Charles Wheeler's pay as lieutenant-colonel and captain for a year less two days at 15s. a day. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 288, No. 42.]

March 7. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of Portsmouth. news. [*Ibid.* No. 43.]

March 7. Sir Frecheville Hollis's agent to Sir Frecheville. I am going with Brunsden to the woods to-morrow, but he talks as if no scantlings you gave him will serve, but that every piece must be two tons of timber, which will make it difficult to keep the gentlemen you have agreed with to their bargain. I do not know what Brunsden's design is, but I think he is weary of being so long from home, which I fear will make him troublesome, and besides, he conceives his allowance is not certain, which he takes ill.

Noted as an extract from a letter upon which the Navy Board's consideration and advice is desired. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 12.]

March 7. Warrant to the Treasury Commissioners of Scotland to advance Whitehall. 1,000*l.* sterling for the repairs of Holyrood House. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 1, p. 110.]

March 7. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing a grant of the reversion of the office of Prothonotary of the Common Pleas to James Plunkett as requested in the letter of 21 February. [*S.P. Dom. Signet Office, Vol.* 8, p. 8.]

March 8. James Baskerville to Williamson. The city is very quiet and Bristol. peaceful. Yesterday being Shrove Tuesday (which commonly proves an unruly day in most corporations) the youth were very civil. Mr. Knight, the mayor, goes to-day to London to attend another complaint of Sir John [Knight] before the Parliament, in which, I hear, the mayor is much abused. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 288, No. 44.]

March 8. John Powell to James Hickes. Six ships from Barnstaple to Pembroke. Newfoundland have come in owing to contrary winds. [*Ibid.* No. 45.]

March 8. Thomas Holden to Williamson. Mentioning what ships were Falmouth. there. [*Ibid.* No. 46.]

March 8. Warrant of assistance in favour of John Scarth, the searcher of the East Land Company, for all goods imported or exported to or from Newcastle, Whitby, or Stockton contrary to their charter. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, f. 194.]

March 8. Memoranda of the like in favour of Richard Gleadow for York, Hull, Grimsby, Bridlington, and Scarborough, and of Thomas Perkins for Lynn, Wells, and Burnham. [*Ibid.* f. 195.]

March 8. Warrant to Sir Stephen Fox to pay to Sir Charles Wheeler 273*l.*, being a year's pay as lieutenant and captain in Colonel John Russell's regiment of Guards, and also 30*l.* 6s. 8*d.*, being the year's pay of two men. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 35A, f. 22.]

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- March 9. Captain Hugh Acland to James Hickes. A vessel from Rochelle
Truro. and another from St. Malo say the French army are drawing
towards Dunkirk, where the King intends to be speedily himself;
the design not known. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 288, No. 47.]
- March 9. Richard Watts to Williamson. Capt. Eliot of the *Reserve*
Dover. boarded a suspicious vessel in the Downs, and found about 300*l.*
worth of combed wool, so carried her into Dover as a prize. [*Ibid.*
No. 48.]
- March 9. Caveat in favour of Sir J. Shaw that nothing pass of the place of
warehouse-keeper, London, void by the death of Joseph Herne.
[*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, p. 11.]
- March 9. Benjamin Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. We caused 89 bags
Victualling of biscuit, complained of as damaged by being stowed between the
Office. decks of the *Welcome*, to be removed to the stores at Deptford, and
supplied the ship with a like quantity of good, and ask for a survey of
it and for directions to prevent further prejudice to his Majesty.
Noted that the survey was undertaken by Sir Jeremy Smith.
[*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 13.]
- March 9. Phineas Pett and Joseph Laurence to the Navy Commissioners.
Chatham Dock. We did not acquaint you sooner of the disability of the master
caulker, being very cautious of bringing him into disrepute until
we had sufficient trial; but finding now that his ignorance is so
great, that we have great reason to fear for the danger likely to accrue
to the ships, and our own reputation also lying at stake we dare
no longer conceal it. We have no manner of design or prejudice
against his person but really the promoting of the service, and knowing
the concerns of that employment to be so great, on which the wel-
fare of the King's ships so much depends, we conceive that as able
a person as the kingdom will afford ought to be employed therein.
[*Ibid.* No. 14.]
- March 9. Capt. Walter Perry to the Navy Commissioners. I received
Emsworth orders from Mr. Wren seven days since to provide provisions and take
sloop. in twenty-four soldiers and convey them to the *Milford* in the *Hope*,
but as they have not appeared, having further orders to follow the
Milford into the Downs, I ask for a month's victuals for my own men.
[*Ibid.* No. 15.]
- March 9. Christopher Andrewes to the Navy Commissioners. Asking for
an advance of 200*l.* to enable him to proceed with the bringing in of
timber and plank, a barge load being at Woolwich, and about
400 loads by the water side, which sum, although there is a great
deal more money due to him, will serve his turn until all the timber
is brought in. [*Ibid.* No. 16.]
- [March ?] The Lord Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of London to the
King. Petition, stating that on the complaint of the Swedish
Resident, the Attorney-General had proceeded against them by *Quo*
warranto to try their right to tolls called duties of water-bailage,
and a verdict had been obtained against them, by reason, as they

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allege, that freemen were not admitted as witnesses on their side, though foreigners who were to pay the said duty were, and praying for a *nolle prosequi* thereon. *On the back,*

March 10. *Reference to the Lord Keeper to consider the petition and to*
Whitehall. *order a nolle prosequi to be entered on the said Quo war-*
 ranto, to stay any further prosecution, till the petitioners
 have made forth their proofs of their title to the said duties.
 [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 49, and S.P. Dom., Entry
 Book 33, p. 147.]

March 10. Warrant to the Attorney-General concerning the Council for
Whitehall. Foreign Plantations. *[Calendared in S.P. Col., America, &c.,*
 1669-74, p. 178, where it is dated 20th. Nearly 3 pages. S.P. Dom.,
 Car. II. 288, No. 50.]

March. Docquet thereof. *[Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 28.]*

March 10. Report of the Council for Foreign Plantations on the petition of
the merchants of the Western parts, made 2 March, read 10 March.
[6 pages. Ibid. No. 51.]

March 10. Order in Council thereon. *[7½ pages. Both calendared in*
S.P. Col., America, &c., 1669-74, p. 144. Ibid. No. 52.]

March 10. Reference to the Commissioners of the Treasury of the petition of
Sir Edward Massy and Captain Titus for a grant of Bell's estate.
[S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33, p. 146.]

March 10. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. As it
Chatham. appears by your letter there is not any money to be had for the
relief of the poor workmen of the yard, especially those pressed, who
are far from their homes, many of them having wives and children
with them, and having no money to buy bread, and being unable to
get trust; I ask whether I may grant the request of some of them for
a fortnight's leave, to get some money, which I judge reasonable, as
there are not many of them, and they have assured me they will
return, I having threatened them with the loss of all their wages
due, if they are not as good as their word. The works on the
Antelope will amount to 860*l.* more than the former estimate,
and the *Ann's* to 540*l.* I hope you will imprest some money to
Mr. Gregory by next Friday to encourage the men to go on cheer-
fully with the repairs, fearing otherwise they will be long a-doing,
which I would remedy if possible, and until you are enabled to do
so with some money, I will take the best care I can to keep the
men to their work. Noted by Pepys as read at the Board on the
18th. *[S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 17.]*

March 10. Report by John Brooke, Thos. Swann, and Thos. Shipdham, of
a survey made of the fire works on board the *Francis* and *Little*
Lion fireships. *[Ibid. No. 18.]*

March 10. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing him to give orders that
all sums payable by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation (except
the quit and chief rents and the sums directed by the Act of Expla-
nation to be otherwise paid) be forthwith paid over by the sheriffs

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to John Bence and Alexander Bence, the receivers appointed by the last-mentioned Act, who are to pay them over to the Vice-Treasurer as appointed by the said Act. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 13.*]

March 11. John Pocock to James Hickes. A French vessel from Sherrant Weymouth. (Charente) advises that twenty great ships are preparing there, who are to join at Brest twenty more fitting there, and twenty more are to come from Tholone (Toulon), sixty in all, the least of 50 guns. They say twenty-five from the East Indies are riding under Belle Isle, and that their voyage there had been to no purpose, as their pilots could not find Rio de la Plata, so they are condemned to be shot. A vessel from Cherbourg confirms this news, and adds that barks daily go thence to Flanders with grain, and that there are 40,000 men quartered in Picardy, and that when the King moves towards Flanders in April his guards and followers will be 40,000 more. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 53.*]

March 6-10. Two news-letters. [For the most part identical. Most of the March 10-11. news in other news-letters and in *Fleming Calendar*, p. 76.]

6th.—From Vienna they write that the French Minister declares that his master will in two months manifest his designs, and that the Bishop of Münster has offered to serve him with his forces.

7th.—Last week died the Earl of Norwich, and Mr. Charles Cavendish, the Earl of Devonshire's second son, and Mr. Hatton Rich, heir presumptive to the Earldom of Warwick. The States General having finished their new levies, are busy getting them on foot, and their fleet out as soon as possible. Though they are told that they need not fear anything from France this summer, they are too cautious to trust such declarations, hearing of the King's vast preparations.

10th.—Her Royal Highness is somewhat better, but the Duke of Cambridge continues ill.

11th.—Letters from France say that Colbert, the Prime Minister, is shortly to go to Rochelle, to fit out, as is thought, some squadrons this spring. 'Twas reported Sir Thomas Sand[ys] was returned, but hitherto only Mr. Parry has appeared. [3 pages each. *Ibid. Nos. 54, 55.*]

[March 10.] William Barazee, a prisoner in Newgate, to the King. Petition praying that he may not be branded in the hand. [*Ibid. No. 56.*] Probably annexed,

March 10. Copy of the record of his trial that day at the Old Bailey as an accessory to the murder of Edward Conquest, one of the Life-Guard, on 13 January, showing that he had been found guilty of manslaughter and had pleaded his clergy. [In law Latin. Nearly 5 pages. *Ibid. No. 56I.*]

March 11. Warrant from the King to the Chief Justice of the King's Bench and the Recorder and Sheriffs of London to respite the burning of Barazee in the hand till his further pleasure be known. [*Ibid. No. 57, and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 73.*]

March 11. Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. The shipwrights and Deptford. caulkers are very much enraged by reason that their wages is not

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paid them. The last night the whole street next to the King's yard, both of men and women, was in an uproar, and meeting with Mr. Bagwell, my foreman, they fell on him and it was only by God's great mercy they had not spoiled him. I was then without the gate at my son's house, and hearing the tumult I did think how Israel stoned Hadoram that was over the Tribute, and how King Rehoboam made speed and gat him up to fly to Jerusalem, so I got speedily into the King's yard, for I judge if the rude multitude had met with me I should have had worse measure than my foreman. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 19.*]

March 11. Sir Denis Gauden [and Co.] to the Navy Commissioners. 'Tis our unhappiness and dishonour that for want of our money according to contract we are rendered incapable of satisfying bills drawn upon us for the service; but for preventing further inconvenience, we are willing that Sir Thos. Clutterbuck's bills, amounting to 737*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.*, shall have due acceptance and payment. To avoid any confusion in the account of the victualling, we shall repay that sum again to the Treasurer, as soon as we receive the money due according to contract, or allow it upon our account. With a note of the date of the bills, the amount of each, and the names of the persons in whose favour they were drawn. [*Ibid. No. 20.*]

March 11. Owen Bagwell to the Navy Commissioners. Coming from his
Deptford. Majesty's yard here yesterday, I was set upon by Thos. Wilcocks, a shipwright, who bruised my body very dangerously and broke one of my fingers, and with Jas. Brookes and Wm. Barret, two other shipwrights, threatened to kill me, in revenge for being checked of their wages by the master shipwright, while they were in London without leave. As I go in danger of my life, I ask your Honours to give such order as may seem meet. [*Ibid. No. 21.*]

March 11. Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. Asking whether his son
Deptford. John may return to his former employment, as Mr. Fuzzard has arrived. The *Portland* and *Norwich* are to be launched by the 16th; and if the *Pearl*, *Speedwell*, and *Drake* are to be docked this spring, a warrant to the master attendant to get them ready is requested. [*Ibid. No. 22.*]

March 11. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. For a grant of lands to Lord Aungier. [Duplicate of the letter of 23 Jan., with slight alterations.] [5 pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 15.*]

March 12. Charles Collier to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of
Portsmouth. news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 58.*]

March 12. James Blackburne to James Hickes. Three ships from the
Plymouth. Straits say they left Sir John Harman with the fleet off the Rock of Lisbon. [*Ibid. No. 59.*]

March 12. Sir John Robinson to Williamson. At the sessions yesterday
Tower. I fortunately met Mr. L'Estrange and the ugly scandalous book against the proceedings of the former sessions against Quakers, &c. I have engaged him and the Lord Mayor to send for the master and wardens of the Stationers' Company, to find out the printer, and have

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promised him his charges in bringing to justice the printer, dispersers, &c. There's an extraordinary jury to be impanelled about Sir John Coventry's business, to try them that are bailed and are come in. Most of my extraordinary friends, persons of quality in Middlesex, I have spoke with; that's enough. This morning the Bishop of London comes to Shadwell to consecrate the new church in Stepney, formerly made by Act of Parliament a parish of itself, by Mr. Neale, who has purchased the lands thereabouts from the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 60.*]

March 12. John, Lord Lovelace, to Williamson. Asking him to get Hurl[ey]. Mr. Nathaniel Whettam appointed a commissioner for Berkshire for levying the subsidy. [*Ibid. No. 61.*]

March 12. Capt. John Tyrwhitt to the Navy Commissioners. I received your *Adventure,* letter stating that the boatswain's stores were coming by the *Milford*. Downs. The provisions for the supernumeraries came yesterday, but the weather being foul, we could not take them all in; but as the vessel rides by me in the Downs, if the weather is fair we shall take in the rest to-morrow. My purser has spoken to Mr. Pepys for a supply for what we shall expend here, who has promised to order a month's. Several men on board came as volunteers upon the promise of their arrears being paid, and they therefore ask that they may not be worse used than the men of the *Princess, Milford*, and other ships, and that the money may be returned to Deal for them, as it is not much above 100*l.*, and they have delivered their tickets to Commissioner Tippetts, and he to his clerk. The Commissioner promised they should have it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 23.*]

March 12. Contract by Edw. Benson, of Stanstead, Sussex, timber merchant, with the Navy Commissioners, to deliver into the stores at Portsmouth, free of charge, all such timber and plank as shall arise out of a parcel of oaks standing in Cooper's Bushes, estimated at 500 loads, at from 1*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.* to 3*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* per load; also 16 loads of ash at 39*s.* a load, beech planks at 3*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* per load, 20 dozen ash oars at 17*s.* a hundred, 20 dozen ash handspikes at 5*s.* per dozen, 40 dozen beech wedges at 2*s.* 6*d.* per dozen, and 20 loads of elm timber at 40*s.* each, one half of the whole to be delivered by 24 June and the other half by 29 Sept. following, to be paid for in course according to the date of his bills. [2 pages. *Ibid. No. 24.*]

March 12. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. After reciting a grant, dated 15 August 1665, to James Hamilton, Groom of the Bedchamber, of 1,500*l.* sterling out of the moneys to be paid by Roman Catholics in Ireland under the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, from which he had reaped no benefit, little or none of that fund being thought fit to be raised for the present, directing that he should be inserted in the Civil List and that the Vice-Treasurer should pay him 250*l.* every half-year, beginning next Midsummer, till he has received the whole sum of 1,500*l.* [1½ page. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 21.*]

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- March 13. Report of the presenting the address against the growth of Popery. [*Printed in Commons' Journals IX.*, pp. 217, 218. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 288, No. 62.]
- March 13. Sir Richard Ford to Williamson. Thanking him for the reference on the City's petition about water bailage, and asking that a slight mistake therein be corrected. [*Ibid.* No. 63.]
- March 13. Richard Watts to Williamson. The *Holmes*, from the Straits, Deal. reports that Sir John Harman is coming home with about thirty merchant ships. [*Ibid.* No. 62.]
- March 13. Reference to the Commissioners of the Treasury of Edward Halsall's petition desiring a forfeiture of a recognizance of one Godfrey. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33*, p. 148.]
- March 13. Caveat in favour of Halsall that nothing pass of Godfrey's recognizance for 1,000*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 32*, p. 11.]
- March 13. Certificate by Edw. Gregory that Simon Bronsdon, master caulker Chatham. of the yard there, has been very constant in his attendance and assiduous in the performance of his duty since his admission to that employment. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 25.]
- March 13. Capt. John Tinker and Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. Asking that money may be provided for the painter for painting the *Portland* and *Norwich*, as he is a poor man and does the work for little more than one-third of what has been formerly paid, and more especially as they have obliged themselves for the amount. [*Ibid.* No. 26.]
- March 13. Capt. Rob. Robinson to the Navy Commissioners. I gave your Greenwich, Leghorn. Honours an account from Zante and Messina of the *Assurance* losing her foremast and boltsprit, and of refitting her at Messina, whence I put out, but was forced back by bad winds. I came from there on the 3rd, and arrived at Leghorn with my convoy the 11th, a list of which is enclosed, and am now hastening to take in three months' provisions before the Easter play days, which are two days hence. We have to do with a broken rudder, with which the ship has been unadvisedly ventured, pieces of which gave way four days since in a storm, so that she might have been in danger through the negligence, it is said, of the builder's assistant at Chatham; but we shall make it secure here so as to carry her home. All in both ships are in good health and condition. I hope you will accept my bills for 130*l.*, and 10*l.* for a mast for the *Assurance* and necessities for the *Greenwich*, as it is necessary that frigates which sail so far from home and are incident to many disasters should have contingencies with them or credit. The piloting at Messina was 22 dollars, and here our rudder will be chargeable. The *Assurance's* charges are enclosed. [*Ibid.* No. 27.] *Enclosed,*
- Names of five ships and of their commanders, with a note that there were six or seven others from Zante and Gallipoli.*
[*Ibid.* No. 28.]
- March 13. Edward Silvester to the Navy Commissioners. I have gone on Portsmouth. with the chain according to the last contract, and can finish it in

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forty days after receiving the 200*l.*, but until then I cannot pay the men's wages or buy iron to complete it. I was last time delayed to my prejudice, but hope now for speedy payment, that I may keep my men together. I have ordered John Bailey of Southwark to wait on your Honours for the bill, to receive the money, and to buy me some iron, and entreat speedy despatch. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 29.]

March 13. Certificate by James Marsh and thirteen other carpenters and caulkers, that Simon Brunsdon, master caulker at Chatham Yard, has been known to them between twenty and thirty years, and been master carpenter of the largest merchant ships that then sailed out of the Thames, wherein, according to the usual custom in merchant ships, he performed the duty of caulker as well as carpenter, and that they are well assured he is a very able and knowing person to perform the duty and trust imposed upon him by his Majesty's service, both as to ability and care. [*Ibid.* No. 30.]

March 13. Captains John Brooke and William Rand to Commissioner Cox.
Chatham. Concerning the sufficiency of Simon Brunsdon, master caulker of the yard, for that employment we say that the *St. George*, *Leopard*, *Henry*, *Plymouth*, and *Friesland* flyboat, which were sheathed, careened, and caulked in the docks there, proved very tight, and that the *Bonadventure* was also sheathed there, which at her launching made about 2 ft. of water in 24 hours, and so continued ten or twelve days, but she now only makes 8 or 10 in. in 24 hours; and as to his sufficiency, they judge him to be a very able man, and one who is constantly at his duty, both afloat and on shore. [*Ibid.* No. 31.]

March 14. James Blackburne to James Hicke. The *Mary* from Alicante
Plymouth. arrived to-day; she left Sir John Harman off the Northern Cape. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 288, No. 65.]

March 14. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Royal James* is to be
Portsmouth. launched about the 30th. His Royal Highness has ordered the *Tiger* frigate to be fitted for convoy to the Straits. [*Ibid.* No. 66.]

March 14. Sir Robert Vyner to Williamson. Asking him to send him the
King's letter for the Doctor [probably his brother, Thomas Vyner, D.D.] by the bearer. [*Ibid.* No. 67.]

March 9-14. News-letter. [Most of the news in other news-letters and in
Fleming Calendar, p. 76.]

14th.-- Her Royal Highness and the Duke of Cambridge continue ill. The States are engaged in the new levies, hoping very suddenly to have an army of 40,000 men. Westphalian affairs are in the same posture. The Bishop of Münster is thought to be backed by France, who perhaps thinks Holland may engage for Lunenburg, and so have occasion to begin the war on another account. The Emperor has written to the Elector of Cologne not to proceed hostilely against that city, and begin what perhaps may involve the whole empire. [4 pages. *Ibid.* No. 68.]

March 14. Warrant to the Trustees of the Queen Mother's jointure. After reciting a grant under the great seal of 9 June 1670, to Robert,

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Earl of Aylesbury, in tail male, of the offices of steward of the honour of Ampthill, and of steward and bailiff of the manors therein mentioned, parcel of the said honour, and also that the said trustees stand possessed of the said honour and premises for the residue of a term of 99 years from 10 January 1616-17, in trust for the King, commanding them to grant the same to the said Earl, or as he shall direct, for all the residue of the said term, if he or his heirs male shall so long live. [*Ibid.* No. 69 ; *S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 73 ; and Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 22.*]

March 14. Passport for John Trevor and Christopher Byerley and their servants. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 25, f. 195.*]

March 14. Order of naturalisation for the ship *John* of London, provided she is made square-sterned according to the English manner ; and memorandum, dated 3 April, that she was naturalised without this proviso. [*Ibid.*]

March 14. Warrant to the Clerk of the Signet to prepare a bill for making Gertrude Winstmand a free denizen of England. [*Ibid.*]

March 14. Warrant to the Clerk of the Signet to prepare a bill for the privy seal, containing a warrant for the Commissioners of the Treasury to pay to Laurence Hyde, the Master of the Robes, 2,316*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*, to discharge the tradesmen's bills for masqueing attire provided by his Majesty's command for the masque performed at Whitehall on 20 and 21 February, the names of each and the amounts of their bills being expressed in a schedule thereto. [*Ibid.* ff. 195, 196.]

March 14. Memorandum of the entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 98.*]

March 14. Report by certain shipwrights on seven masts belonging to Lord Glenawly or Isaac Stockman, viewed by them at Edw. Gray's yard. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 32.*] *Annexed,*

Account by Wm. Castell and five others named of the bigness of the masts before mentioned. [*Ibid.* No. 33.]

March. 14. Wm. Bodham to the Navy Commissioners. As they are quite Woolwich out of hemp and require ground tow to make white oakum, Ropeyard. hoping ten or twenty tons may be sent, until their Honours can deal for a greater parcel, otherwise they will have to discharge the men, which he wishes prevented, so as to avoid their clamours and others' whispers. [*Ibid.* No. 34.]

March 14. Peter Edgar to William Temple, at Ragley. A business letter. Dublin. [*Conway Papers, S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 42.*]

March 15. Anthony Thorold to James Hicke. The *Sara* from Morlaix Lyme. reports that the French forces are daily on the march for Flanders. Four companies lodged there the night they left. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 70.*]

March 15. Warrant for an assignment of 11,295*l.* 9*s.* 9½*d.* for finishing the fort at Sheerness, on the privy seal of 27 November 1670, for 200,000*l.* [*Draft. Ibid.* No. 71.]

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- March 15. Thomas Holden to Williamson. A small vessel from Rouen says
Falmouth. that all along Normandy the French King is raising forces. The
John from Virginia, with tobacco, reports they had a very bad crop
this year. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 72.*]
- March 15. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. [To the same effect as the
Falmouth. last.] [*Ibid. No. 73.*]
- March 15. List of the prisoners tried at the Old Bailey sessions, beginning
10 March, with the charges against them, and the sentences on
some of them. [$12\frac{1}{2}$ pages. *Ibid. No. 74.*]
- March 15. John Pocock to James Hickes. The 13th arrived the *Speedwell*
Weymouth. from the Canaries much disabled by the weather, and also the
Port Royal from Jamaica in about sixteen weeks, including about
three weeks at the Bermudas. On coming into the road she fired
guns for help, and our pilots, notwithstanding the violence of the
storm, boarded her and saved her. The Spaniards lately landed on
Jamaica and destroyed several plantations, burning ships and
houses, and killed and carried away several persons. They took one
English vessel, put the men in the hold, nailed the hatches, set it
on fire, and burnt ship and men. [*Ibid. No. 75.*]
- March 15. Warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley, Master of the Ordnance, for
the delivery of iron bullets of 4 lbs., 5 lbs., and 6 lbs., of each five
tons, of twenty tons of lead and 20 cwt. of brass tin, which, together
with twelve cables of 40 cwt., are to be shipped on board some men-
of-war proceeding to the Mediterranean, and delivered to the Bassa
of Tripoli according to his desire, and to be paid for at the rates
expressed in a certain estimate or schedule signed by the said
Bassa. [*Ibid. No. 76, and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 68.*]
- [March ?] Memoria for Mr. Williamson of the Naval stores agreed upon
between the Bassa and the late Consul. [*Ibid. No. 77.*]
- [March ?] Another memoria containing an estimate of the price of such
Naval stores. [*Ibid. No. 78.*]
- March 15. The King to the Duke of York, directing him to arrange for the
shipment of the Naval stores for the Bassa of Tripoli on board
such men-of-war as are next to go to the Mediterranean. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 67.*]
- March 15. Order of naturalisation of a prize ship purchased by certain of
Boston, who had lost most of their own in the late war. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 25, f. 195.*]
- March 15. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Commissioners. I ask for a supply of
Woolwich. timber for carrying on the works of the *Ruby*, also a new rudder,
tiller, wedges, &c. I fear a disappointment of ironwork for bolts
(the smith complaining for want of iron), which will soon be
wanted for fastening and binding together the ship. Unless the
yard is stocked with the timber and plank formerly demanded, this
number of shipwrights cannot be continued above a fortnight
longer, when fifty will have to be discharged. I ask an order for

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discharging eight pair of sawyers, as these are more than can be employed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 35.*]

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Reserve,
Downs.

Capt. Thos. Eliot to the Navy Commissioners. I received the warrant for a survey of the beef and pork on board short of weight, but the meat was spent eight days before it arrived, but I have since received a new supply. My letter to the purser referred to the three puncheons sent first, upon the opening of which the seamen complained of the smallness of the pieces, whereupon I commanded the steward and other officers to take their weight, when 351 lbs. were found wanting, and when boiled some pieces weighed $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb. and others not 1 lb., as will appear by a certificate enclosed. The beef put on board as new at Portsmouth was mixed with old, which so tainted the rest that there was a general complaint amongst the seamen, both as to the badness and want of weight, and by the account of the steward and others who weighed the meat homeward bound, there wanted nearly 1,000 lbs. Before going to the Canaries the same old meat was surveyed at Portsmouth, and found unfit for the service, and was such that nothing but necessity could force the men to eat it. I admire that the purser should trouble you to send down a survey for meat which he knew had been spent eight days before, and that before the three puncheons came we had borrowed provisions of the *Foresight*, and since they were spent, of the *Adventure*. I conceive, according to the custom of the sea, that when such general complaints are made in a ship, the commander is to notice them and seek redress, but I am sorry your Honours have been put to so much trouble. [*Ibid. No. 36.*] *Enclosed,*

Certificate by Robert Chambers, master, and three other officers named, concerning the size of the pieces of beef. [Ibid. No. 37.]

March 15.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. After reciting that by the Court of Claims James Eustace of Confey in Kildare was adjudged nocent, and his son and heir apparent Thomas innocent, and on the pretended death of his said father to be restored to the lands mentioned in the said decree, and that though the said James is still alive the said Thomas has got into possession of the lands forfeited during the life of the said James, and also a grant dated 8 April 1669 to Sir Edward Sutton of all the King's interest therein during the life of the said James Eustace, and that he had received no benefit from the said grant: directing a warrant to the Attorney or Solicitor General to prepare a grant in due form of law to the said Sir Edward of all the King's interest in the said lands (reserving always to the Duke of York any interest he may justly claim in the premises), the said Sir Edward paying such incumbrances, deficiencies, or 1649 accounts as by the rules of the Acts of Settlement and Explanation may purchase the premises, and paying the rent reserved from soldiers or adventurers out of forfeited lands in Ireland. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 25.*]

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Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. On the 31st, besides the *Royal James*, a new fifth-rate frigate is to be launched, an experimental

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 ship, for she's lockered (lacquered) and sheathed with lead, a thing not done before to any of his Majesty's ships. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 288, No. 79.]
- March 15- News-letter. [Most of the news in *Fleming Calendar*, p. 76.]
 16. 16th.—Pell, who lately stabbed the drawer at the Cock and Pye in Drury Lane, was tried at this Old Bailey sessions and found guilty not only of that, but of a former murder, and sentenced to death. [$2\frac{1}{2}$ pages. *Ibid.* No. 80.]
- March 16. King's letter to the Master and Fellows of Sidney-Sussex College, Cambridge. Directing them to admit Richard Reynolds to the vacant fellowship on Sir Francis Clark's foundation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, f. 164.]
- March 16. B. St. Michel to the Navy Commissioners. I received the packet
 Deal. of tickets for Lieut. Delaval [of the *Adventure*], and as soon as the *Merlin* yacht arrives in the Downs with Messrs. Medwell and Pue, I will join them and see that no tickets or bills are paid but to such as are really on board and in my muster book. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 38.]
- March 16. The same to the same. I went on board the *Reserve* to muster
 Deal. her, when Capt. Eliot produced a warrant for me to join with several masters in surveying the victuals on board; but as they had been spent some eight days before, the Captain desisted from the executing the warrant. When calling over the men, I inquired at the captain's desire what victuals they had wanted, and their general answers were that men might well be sick, as the meat stank, and when boiled wanted half the weight, but that they were well contented with the butter, cheese, etc. [*Ibid.* No. 39.]
- March 17. William Wakeman to James Hickes. Sixteen sail of this place
 Barnstaple. are already gone for Newfoundland, and the rest, about twenty-five, are preparing with all speed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 288, No. 81.]
- March 17. James Blackborne to James Hickes. The wind continuing
 Plymouth. easterly, no news yet of the fleet. [*Ibid.* No. 82.]
- [March 17.] Thomas Ridley, prisoner in Newgate, condemned to die, to the King. Petition praying for a reprieve or transportation. *At foot,*
- March 19. *Order referring it to Mr. Justice Morton to report thereon.*
On the back,
- March 20. *Report by Mr. Justice Morton that Ridley is a very dangerous*
rogue and has been previously convicted. [*Ibid.* No. 83.]
- March 17. Peter Bronsdon to the Navy Commissioners. I viewed the woods
 Cork. at Bantry Bay, but I find the timber too small for shipping. I have also been to the woods at Killmar River, where there is upwards of 2,000 tons of good serviceable timber for compass timber, knees, and standards, belonging to Sir Wm. Petty, a sixth part of which will make plank. I cannot say positively what is the quantity, as it grows so thick, and on the sides of mountains and in glens between them. The harbour is very good for ships to load

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at; but the land is the most rocky, mountainous, and wild in all Ireland, and the soil is chiefly rocks with boggy mould lying between. I cannot give the price of the timber as the steward of the woods could not treat until he had given Sir William an account, but I hear from people living there that it has been sold at 5s. per ton; that the hewing is 3s. per ton and drawing it to the riverside 5s. per ton, part of the woods being less than a mile from the river and the furthest not upwards of two and a half miles, but the land being so rocky it is very troublesome to draw it down. I am giving directions for forwarding Sir Frecheville Hollis' business, and I hope they may load a ship by June, but after settling that business I am going to Dublin to treat with Sir Wm. Petty about his woods, and on my way will view those at Shelelea (Shilelagh) and send an account. The gentleman who proffered 300 loads has since sold his woods to another man, to whom I will speak when he comes to Cork, but I have to be careful, as if I am hasty in inquiring after timber they do not know what price to ask. I think Sir William Petty's woods will be the most fit of any I can find in the kingdom, if his price is not too high. I ask that 30*l.* be remitted me to Cork to defray my expenses. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 40.*]

[March ?] Sir John Stevens to the King. Petition stating that soon after the Restoration he had been appointed Governor and Constable of the Castle of Dublin during good behaviour, with a fee of 20*s. per diem* on the Irish establishment, but that Lord Robarts on his first entrance into the Government ousted him from his lodging and all things belonging to it, and praying that orders may be given to the Chief Governor of Ireland for the time being to let him enjoy his office quietly. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 43.*]

March 17. Report by the Duke of Ormonde, Lord Ashley, Sir T. Clifford, and Sir J. Duncombe, to whom the said petition was referred, in favour of a King's letter being granted for adding the allowance prayed to the Irish establishment. [*Ibid. No. 44.*]

March 17. Declaration by the King reducing the band of Gentlemen Pensioners from fifty to forty, and fixing their annual pay as follows:—the Captain, 1,000*l.*; the Lieutenant, 500*l.*; the Standard Bearer, 310*l.*; to 40 Gentlemen, 4,000*l.*; the Clerk of the Cheque, 120*l.*; the Harbinger, 70*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 75.*]

March 18. Warrant to the Commissioners of the Treasury, giving the names of the forty Gentlemen Pensioners and the pay each officer and pensioner was to receive. [*Ibid.*]

March 18. Warrant to Lord Bellasis, Captain of the Gentlemen Pensioners, giving the names of those to be retained, and stating their future pay, and that from the first year's pay of the officers and those retained 1,500*l.* was to be deducted for satisfaction of the ten reduced. [*Ibid. f. 76.*]

March 18. Richard Watts to Williamson. Complaining of the pressing of Deal-fishermen by Capt. Fenwick. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 84.*]

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March 18. Memorandum of a reprieve to William Whitehand, convicted of burglary at the last Old Bailey sessions. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 49.*]

March 18. Jonas Shish and Ben. Boate to the Navy Commissioners. We have known Mr. Brunsdon many years, and judge him able and sufficient for the master caulker's place in Deptford Yard if vacant. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 41.*]

March 18. John Stacey to Thomas Hayter. I sent a cask of flower of brimstone to Jackson the waggoner of Portsmouth, who not having been paid for the last barrel he took, asks who is to pay him. [*Ibid. No. 42.*]

March 19. Lord Frescheville to Williamson. Pray remind Lord Arlington to obtain a short warrant for keeping the King's manor house at York. I will not trouble you with any relation of Parliament speeches and cursed libels already divulged in the north. I put them together, for I think if a speech in either of the Houses be published upon design and without the King's permission it is worse than a libel. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 85.*]

March 19. Richard Watts to Williamson. Last night it blew a whole storm from east. This morning a ship, supposed to be Dutch, was descried on the Goodwin, but she got off about eleven. [*Ibid. No. 86.*]

March 19. James Blackborne to James Hickes. The wind continuing east, no ships are arrived. Last night one sailed for the Barbadoes and another for New England. [*Ibid. No. 87.*]

March 19. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. A Malagaman reports they were in company with Sir John Harman's fleet, but lost them in foul weather about the Land's End. [*Ibid. No. 88.*]

March 19. Dr. H[enry] Compton to Williamson. Begging him not to expect the 200*l.* till Easter week, when he will have been long enough in London to get the money ready, having been obliged to go where he is by a trial at the assizes. [*Ibid. No. 89.*]

March 19. B. St. Michel to the Navy Commissioners. I send an account of money paid by Mr. Meadwell upon bills and tickets to eleven seamen on board the *Adventure*, and to twenty on board the *Milford* in the Downs, the former amounting to 171*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.*, and the latter to 478*l.* 8*s.* 8½*d.*, as also the number of each man as he stood on the muster book. No money was paid but to the persons who belonged to it or were in the service, and I called over the muster before they were paid. The *Assistance* and *Welcome* having been paid before they came in, I cannot send any account of them, but doubt not Mr. Pugh will give particulars. The new *Nonsuch* and the *Algiers* frigate having come into the Downs, I shall muster them also. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 43.*]

March 20. William Burroughes to the Navy Commissioners. Estimate of the cost of repairing three engines at Woolwich and Deptford. [*Ibid. No. 44.*]

March 20. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Referring to him the petition of Roger, Earl of Orrery, stating that while he and the late Viscount

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Massareene were receivers of the year's value payable by adventurers and soldiers, out of that money he paid 300*l.* for the Royal regiment in Ireland, and 150*l.* to Alice, late Countess Dowager of Barrymore, part of 1,000*l.* payable to her by the King's orders, for which sums he has had no allowance, and praying to be allowed the same, and directing him, if the allegations are true, to give order for such allowances to be made as shall fully indemnify him, or otherwise to report on the whole case. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 34.*]

March 20. The Lord Lieutenant and Council to Sir George Carteret.
Dublin Castle. We find that Edward Corker charges Sir Daniel Bellingham with 14,369*l.* 16*s.* 8½*d.*, and himself with 5,121*l.* 8*s.* 7½*d.*, making together 19,491*l.* 5*s.* 4½*d.* due on the foot of your account. We have committed them both to the Serjeant-at-Arms, and appointed persons to examine and audit their pretences. As both of them have besought their liberty, considering you are concerned therein we think fit to acquaint you therewith, and in the meantime to give no order for their release. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 45.*]

March 21. Dr. Edmund Boldero to Williamson. Concerning Mr. Martin's son's business at Pembroke Hall, and urging the speedy execution of the mandate. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 90.*]

March 20– News-letter. [Most of the news in *Fleming Calendar*, p. 76.]
21. This morning, Bell, that committed the murder in Drury Lane, was brought to execution near the place, and, confessing that not to be his only murder, was hanged. [2½ pages. *Ibid. No. 91.*]

March 21. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of
Portsmouth. news. [*Ibid. No. 92.*]

March 21. James Blackborne to James Hickes. The winds continue very
Plymouth. stiff at north-east. [*Ibid. No. 93.*]

March 21. C. Cratford to Viscount Conway. A business letter. [*Conway
Essex House. Papers. Ibid. No. 94.*]

March 21. Minute by the Navy Board on a discourse with Sir John Bankes
Navy Office. as to calculating the tonnage of the *Dunkirk* and *Convertine*, freighted by the East India Company. That with regard to the Board's demand of 40 tons more for freight of the former than she brought, the company showed a certificate by Bass, her master, that she was fully laden in India; also another certificate by several commanders of their ships then at Swally, that all care was used by the company's agent there to provide for her full stowage, and that the commanders supposed she might contain 300 tons of goods if one-third was pepper, but they had doubts whether she would bear so much at a convenient draught of water. The company also offered a copy of a clause in a letter of Sir George Oxenden to Sir Wm. Rider, affirming that a boat laden with pepper lay twenty-four hours by the ship's side, and was not taken in for want of room, and appealing to Capt. Arnold Brown's memory, as also the testimony of Mr. Goodyear, then their second at Surat, to justify it. That as to the *Convertine*, the company pretend and remain to prove that she was not delivered to them according to charter party till 20 March,

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and urge the letter of the contract for her freight, to determine at her return to the river; against which the Board urge her not being returned to the King, and consequently the reasonableness of her being still reputed in freight until the date of the company's letter, desiring the Board to survey and take her back. Memorandum that the bill for 1,750*l.* was advanced upon her, and interest therefore expected for the 5,000*l.* not paid. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *Copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 45.*]

March 21. The King to the Treasury Commissioners of Scotland. Approv-
Whitehall. ing of their proposal about farming the revenue in Orkney and Zetland, and also authorising them to allow in the Earl of Craufurd's accounts 500*l.* sterling twice paid to the late Sir George Melvell, 500*l.* sterling paid to Lord Carmichael, and the sums advanced by him in 1648 for a regiment from Ireland, and the army in Scotland. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 111.*]

March 21. Protections to Thomas Ker of Mersington and Alexander Gordon
Whitehall. of Terris from arrests and executions for civil claims for three years. [*Ibid. pp. 112, 113.*]

March 22. Sir Philip Musgrave to Williamson. I had attended you these Sessions of Parliament, if the weaknesses attending my years had not made me doubt that they by a winter's journey and stay in London might have made me unfit for public employments, or brought a greater charge on my fortune than it can bear. I presume my son Christopher hath or will acquaint you with his address in way of marriage to a lady near London. All I can do to encourage her to entertain his motion is to settle on him after my death the remaining years of a lease from the King of certain tolls in Cumberland, and to do this I shall leave a great debt on my real estate. If a new lease with an enlargement of years could be procured, it would in some measure give satisfaction in the concernment of his posterity. My sufferings and actings on the King's account are not unknown. When he was at Breda he signed me a warrant for a patent to be Baron of England, which I yet have, and in respect of my family I was not unworthy, my ancestors in the time of King Edward III. having had that title, and their descendants an estate that might have supported it till it was impaired by my serving my sovereign. Therefore I did not press the King for its confirmation, but accepted most thankfully his bounty in another way; but 2,000*l.* of this I never received, which made me bold to move the King to bestow an Irish honour on Sir John Dawny, but this proved not agreeable. I should have accounted it a full reward from the King to me, but I resolve never to displease him in the least degree. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 95.*]

March 22. John Carlile to Williamson. I will send Sir Mark Ognate's son,
Dover. when arrived, safe in the coach. Great reports that the French army are falling down to Flanders with great provisions for war. 'Tis said they bring a bridge that fifteen men may go abreast on and long enough to cross any moat, and so scale the wall. I should

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be glad to hear from Mr. Ball once a week. Shall I write to Lord Arlington about Desborough's debt of 20*l.* and 13*l.* I disbursed in the late war in the scout boat the last month I employed her? [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 288, No. 96.]

March 22. John Gould to Williamson. Mr. Goldsmith is willing to serve as
Spittle Court, Consul to Tripoli, if encouraged by the salary being enlarged and
London. arranged to be paid punctually. He will, if you think good, wait
on you early to-morrow. [*Ibid.* No. 97.]

March 22. Proclamation fixing the prices of wines for the ensuing year,
[6 pages. *Ibid.* No. 98, and *S.P. Dom., Proclamations*, Vol. 3,
p. 282.]

March 22. Proclamation for the apprehension of those that have stolen away
Whitehall. Mrs. Anne Darcy. (See *Fleming Calendar*, p. 77.) [2½ pages.
Ibid. No. 99.]

March 22. Proclamation for banishing Priests and Jesuits by the first of
Whitehall. May next, and ordering all laws against Popish recusants to be
put in execution. [2½ pages. *Ibid.* No. 100, and *S.P. Dom., Proclamations*, Vol. 3, p. 285.]

March 22. John Powell to James Hicke. Our harbour affords nothing of
Milford. news. [*Ibid.* No. 101.]

March 22. Sir Thomas Gower to Williamson. Desiring that the five
York. prisoners committed last summer for being in the conspiracy in
1663 might be either tried or pardoned, with reasons in favour
of the latter course. [*Ibid.* No. 102.]

March 22. Declaration of the King's pleasure, forbidding any person to print
any work, under other titles, reprinting or counterfeiting, for
thirty years, the works of John Seller, the *English Pilot* and the
Sea Atlas, describing the coasts, capes, headlands, &c., of the
kingdom; also forbidding the import from beyond seas of any
such books or maps, under the names of the *Dutch Waggoner* or
Lightning Column, or any other name. [*Ibid.* No. 103, and *S.P.*
Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 76.]

Draft of the above. [*Ibid.* No. 104.]

March 22. The King to the Commissioners of the Treasury. Directing
them to make an assignment of the 11,295*l.* 9*s.* 9½*d.* mentioned in
the warrant of 15 March. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, f. 68.]

March 22. Memorandum of a warrant to John Hethel to search for ———
and bring them before Lord Arlington. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34,
f. 76.]

March 22. Thos. Turner and Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners.
Asking that several masts may be sent from Woolwich, as the
mastmaker is at a stand, and also three mainyards for the *Crown*,
Dover, and *Portland*. Several ships bound out cannot have
their hulls and yards tarred until tar is sent. Noted, that
Mr. Mayor was directed to do what he could in providing the
masts and yards. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 46.]

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[March ?] The Earl of Cork to the King. Desiring that his allowance of 20s. *per diem* as Lord High Treasurer of Ireland be inserted in the establishment. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No 45A.*]

March 22. Order in Council to Lord Arlington, to prepare a letter for the
Whitehall. King's signature to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, authorising him to enter the said allowance on the present establishment, and to grant warrants for payment of arrears since Michaelmas 1669, and for future constant payment thereof. [*Ibid, No. 46.*]

March 22. Similar order in favour of Capt. Edward Fitzgerald, for
Whitehall. securing payment of his pension of 100*l. per annum*, granted by letters patent of 13 August 1660. [*Ibid. No. 47.*]

March 23. Christopher Sanderson to Williamson. Complimenting him at
Egleston. great length on his worth and merits, and begging him to assist his second son Philip in his endeavours after some preferment, who is called to the Bar, but there is so great a glut of the professors of the law at present that he is willing to lay out himself for any employ suitable to his education. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 105.*]

March 23. Sir Thomas Player to Williamson. Requesting him to advise the
bearer how to manage the writer's little concerns, fearing he shall get nothing but a privy seal. [*Ibid. No. 106.*]

March 23. Richard Watts to Williamson. Our seamen to-day proving
Deal. some great guns taken up near the Goodwin Sands, one burst, and though two pieces flew over several houses, and injured two about ten rods off, no one was hurt. [*Ibid. No. 107.*]

March 23. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of
Portsmouth. news. [*Ibid. No. 108.*]

March 23. Captain Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Nothing worth notice
Truro. here. [*Ibid. No. 109.*]

[March ?] Thomas Cachmead to the King. Petition stating that, having lost to the value of 7,000*l.* in the great fire of London, he had since carried on the trade of a fishmonger in a shed adjoining the Conduit near the Maypole in the Strand, which does not take up two yards of ground in width of the street, but that a neighbour of the same trade threatens to fire the said shed, and praying a warrant to continue therein. [*Ibid. No. 110.*] *Annexed,*

March 6. *Certificate by twenty-six inhabitants of St. Mary Savoy and St. Clement Danes that the shed was no annoyance or offence to anyone.* [*Ibid. No. 110.*]

March 23. Licence from the King to Cachmead to continue in the same
shed, and prohibition of any to molest him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book, Vol. 34, f. 77.*]

March 23. News-letter. [Most of the news in other letters.]
17th.—Her Royal Highness and the Duke of Cambridge have been better these last days, giving hopes of their recovery.
18th.—Capt. Flaherty, who was lately committed to the Gatehouse for an assault on Colonel Vernon in Pall-Mall, has

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been released on bail till the next sessions, where the Attorney-General is to bring in his indictment against him, and the Commissioners for the office of Earl Marshal are also to proceed against him, by their power for punishing offences within the verge of the Court.

21st.—Letters from the Barbadoes report a very infectious and violent distemper there, which has swept away many, and many die daily of it. [4 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 288, No. 111.]

March 23. Order for the naturalisation of the *St. Peter*, taken in the late Dutch war. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, f. 197.]

March 23. Reference to Sir Leoline Jenkins, Judge of the Prerogative Court, and Sir Giles Sweet, Judge of the Arches, of the petition of Samuel Price, representing that he has a cause before the Court of Delegates concerning the proof of the will of Hugh Awdeley, whereof he is an executor, and that John Howe of London, scrivener, is a most material witness on his behalf, who being duly summoned, refused to appear, and is gone for Virginia, and desiring the King to give order to the Governor of Virginia to cause him to return, or send him over to England. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, p. 148.]

March 23. The King to Ralph Montague, Ambassador to France. Directing him to come over in order to confer with him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, f. 68.]

March 23. The King to the Levant Company. Directing them to admit Thomas Death as a freeman of their company without his being made free of the City of London. [*Ibid.*]

March 23. Warrant for the pardon of Christopher, Duke of Albemarle, for all murders and felonies committed by him before 28 February last, and particularly for the murder or manslaughter of Peter Virnill or Vernell, and for all assaults and misdemeanours whatever committed by him before the 14th of this instant March. [*Draft. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 288, No. 112, and *S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 78.]

March. Docquet thereof. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 29.]

March 23. Certificate of John Poole and five others of the services and competency of Thos. Brothers of Deal, a Trinity pilot, to take charge as master of one of the King's ships. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 47.]

March 23. Shipwrights' Hall. Hen. Johnson and ten others, shipwrights, to the Navy Commissioners. We have considered the complaint made against Simon Brunsden, and cannot, upon examination of him, find him otherwise than sufficient for the employment of master caulker of the yard at Chatham, and if his diligence be correspondent to his knowledge, we doubt not but he may discharge the trust reposed in him as master caulker. [*Ibid.* No. 48.]

[March ?] Sir Richard Kennedy, Second Baron of the Exchequer in Ireland, to the King. Petition reciting a former patent by which his

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ancient estate was erected into a manor, and stating that he had since purchased the adjacent lands therein mentioned, and praying for a new grant uniting the old and new estates into one. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 48.*]

March 23. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. After reciting letters patent of 25 January 1667, by which the ancient estate of Sir Richard Kennedy, a Baron of the Exchequer in Ireland, in the barony of Newcastle and co. Wicklow, was erected into a manor to be called the Manor of Mount Kennedy, and that he has since purchased the adjoining lands therein mentioned, and has prayed, on the surrender of the former letters patent, a grant of new letters patent uniting into one manor his new purchased estate with his ancient estate; directing that upon the surrender of the former letters new letters patent should be granted, erecting all the said lands into one united manor, with all the powers and privileges belonging to a manor and usual in such grants, and especially with power to convey so much thereof as shall not exceed 3,000 acres for lives or in fee or fee tail, the grantees to hold of him as freeholders of the said manor of Mount Kennedy, and with licence to have a deer-park and to impark not exceeding 500 acres. [4 pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 28.*]

March 24. William Assheton to Williamson. Desiring that, if the Deanery Middleton near Manchester. of Bangor be not yet disposed of, he would, if possible, secure it for two months from other pretenders, by which time he doubts not to find sufficient patronage to beg a promise of it, particularly through Lord Ormonde, who was pleased to present him to the King by the name of *Toleration Disapproved and Condemned*. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 113.*]

March 24. Richard Watts to Williamson. Yesterday the tickets of 1666 Deal. were here paid to seamen. [*Ibid. No. 114.*]

March 24. James Blackborne to James Hickes. The wind still easterly and Plymouth. very fresh. [*Ibid. No. 115.*]

March 24. John Gould to Williamson. Introducing the bearer, Mr. Bradly, Spittle Court, London. in case Mr. Goldsmith, at his interview with Lord Arlington to-morrow, declines the Consulship. [*Ibid. No. 116.*]

1670-1. Petition of Hanserd Knollys to the King for confirmation of his [Jan. 1- purchase under the late usurped authority of the old artillery ground, Spitalfields, and the armoury room, which was obstructed March 24.] on a former petition by a caveat put in by Col. Legg, late Master of the Ordnance. [*Ibid. No. 117.*]

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March 24. Warrant to the Attorney-General to prepare a pardon to Richard Batt of East Chinock in Somerset for any offences committed by him against the usury laws. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 25, f. 196.*]

March 24. Warrant for the denization of Claudius Vanier. [*Ibid. f. 197.*]

March 24. Warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley to deliver twelve iron guns for the Carolinas. [*Calendared in S.P. Col., America, &c., 1669-74, p. 188. S.P. Dom., Entry Book 29, p. 52.*]

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March 24. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of Allington Paynter's petition for the renewal of a lease of lands at Gillingham in Kent. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33, p. 149.*]

March 24. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of Andrew Lloyd's petition desiring the discharge of certain bonds in the Exchequer in Ireland [*Ibid.*]

March 24. Warrant to the Lord Chamberlain to swear John Seller as the King's hydrographer. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 77.*]

March 24. Grant of denization to John Haring, native of Staveren in Friesland. [*Ibid.*]

March. Docquet thereof. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 32.*]

March 24. Affidavit of John Goodier of Petersham, Surrey, merchant, that in 1662, the *Dunkirk* being at Surat to be laden and despatched to England by the East India Company, he, as their second there, remembers that a large country boat laden with pepper on the company's account followed and attended on the ship for some time before she was ready to sail, and at last returned with a part of such pepper, the officers of the ship having alleged that the ship was full and could not take any more. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 49.*]

March 24. Deal. Thomas Lynch, purser of the *Adventure*, to Sam. Pyps (Pepys). Having been desired to attend to my employment, I indented for 170 men for 28 days, notwithstanding Mr. Sprigg detains 2,050 lbs. of bread and 29 of fish, for which I also indented. I ask you to inform the Board of it, that I may receive justice, having never received any necessary money for sick and wounded, or any short allowance for the company. [*Ibid No. 50.*]

March 24. Chatham. John Brooke and Edward Homewood to the Navy Commissioners. Demanding 24 dozen blocks in addition to the 150 dozen demanded last August for supplying the stores there for twelve months, which can be contracted for with Mr. Smith. [*Ibid. No. 51.*]

March 24. Newcastle, Leghorn. Capt. Anth. Langston to the Navy Commissioners. Since my last I had no opportunity of writing until I was forced into Genoa by a storm, when my mast cracked again which I had repaired at Port Mahon, but then also I was not able to write, through a hurt to my leg, taken upon deck in the night, when I thought that a Turks man-of-war was coming aboard. I think fit to acquaint your Honours of the affront given by the States of Genoa by compelling me to salute them when I was under your command. The Consul intended to complain to the Senate as soon as I was able to accompany him, but upon further consideration thought better of it, as all the satisfaction that could be expected was that the Senate might confine the pratic master during my stay there, and let him out as soon as I was gone, so that it would only be an advantage to them whenever they should be questioned by his Majesty, by saying they had already given satisfaction. They have become the most insolent neighbours his Majesty has in all Europe, and their men-of-

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war expect as much from us as is due to those of a great prince, and are very apt to injure our people if they get them at any advantage. The misfortune to my mainmast proceeded from the badness of the shrouds, and a 40 pence cheat in the ropemaker will cost his Majesty 200*l.* before a new one is set. I have not yet spoken to Sir Thos. Clutterbuck about it, as the weather is so bad I cannot get ashore. I hear that the Duan (Divan) of Algiers has resolved that it was ill advice to send out so many of their ships in a squadron, as had they not been together, they would not have lost six at a time, and they now go out by two and two. They have about sixteen sail abroad, most of them to the eastward, and have not got the tenth part to defray their charge, as I do not hear of any of our ships being taken, and the merchantmen of late have become better inclined to keep their convoys, and very seldom stir without them. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 52.] *Annexed,*

March 15.
Genoa Mould.

*Certificate by Laur. Wright and five others, that the Newcastle being under sail on 14 March 1670[-1] for Leghorn, her mainmast, which had formerly sprung and had been repaired at Port Mahon, cracked again, when they were forced to bear up for Genoa, and the sea being high, they were forced to stand into the Mould, where they anchored. The pratic boat came alongside and demanded why they did not salute the place, when the captain asked how they would answer if he did, to which the pratic master replied, as they did to others, with two less, and upon the captain refusing unless they answered gun for gun, as he was ordered by the Duke of York, the pratic master said that if he did not immediately salute them, the town was ready to fire upon him, and desired he would not be the cause of so much bloodshed as would ensue, and that as soon as he came on shore they would fire upon them there. They being then under the command of their guns, the ship unmoored, and a storm of wind blowing right into the Mould, the captain called them into the round-house and asked their advice, which they gave, viz., that in regard they were under the command of their guns, and knew of no other way to save the ship and her company, that it was the best way to salute them, which was accordingly done with seven guns, which they returned with five. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *Ibid.* No. 53.]*

March 24. Capt. Anth. Langston to Sir Jer. Smith. To the same effect, *Newcastle, Leghorn.* with a copy of the same enclosure. [*Ibid.* Nos. 54, 55.]

March 24. The Lord Lieutenant and Council to Lord Arlington. I have received the King's letters of 12 February, granting to John St. Leger, in part payment of the debt due from the Crown to his deceased father, Sir W. St. Leger, whatever sums may be found due to his Majesty from the executors of George Carleton, deceased, late Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper. By the final account of the said Carleton for the year ending Michaelmas 1669 there remains due 713*l.* 4*s.* 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.*, and to secure this sum, George Carleton the

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younger was committed to the Marshal of the Four Courts, and he has on the 10th instant assigned to his Majesty several bonds and debts. Considering that the profits of the Hanaper have always been esteemed as ready money, and specially depended on towards payment of the civil and military lists of the establishment, and if that money be paid to the said St. Leger so much will be wanting towards payment of the Army, which we know not how otherwise to supply in the present low condition of the Treasury here, we desire you to acquaint his Majesty therewith, to whose wisdom we submit it. [2 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 49.*]

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Dublin.

The Lord Lieutenant to Lord Arlington. Enclosing a draft of a King's letter for setting up a free school in Dublin, as recommended by the Lord Chancellor, and presented by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, and by the Dean of Christ Church, to which he desires that his Majesty's signature be procured the first convenient opportunity. The house they are to have is of no other use than to lodge a few aged lame men, who will be provided for by the City; and as for the allowance to the chief schoolmaster from the King, it will shortly be otherwise provided in some of the ways mentioned in the letter. [*Ibid. No. 50.*] *Enclosed,*

*The King to the Lord Lieutenant. After reciting, among other things, the want of a good school in Dublin, whereby parents are obliged to send their children to remote parts, and sometimes beyond the seas, to the great hazard of their being infected with evil principles in religion, it establishes for ever a free grammar school in Dublin; vests the appointment of masters in the Lord Mayor and Archbishop of Dublin for the time being, who are to appoint where the school is to be, and to settle the statutes and rules for governing it; annexes whichever of the three dignities—the Chantership, Chancellorship, or Treasurership—in the Cathedral of Christ Church shall first become vacant, or any one or more sinecures in Ireland which the said Archbishop shall think fit, to the head mastership; grants all the King's interest in the hospital in Back Lane known as Kildare House for the use of the said intended school, the city paying the rent of 12l. per annum thereon to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church; settles a salary of 80l. per annum on the head master, till a vacancy of one of the dignities or sinecures; appoints trustees to receive the grant of the said dignities and hospital in trust for the school, with licence, notwithstanding the statute of mortmain, to purchase or accept as gifts lands not exceeding the value of 300l. per annum; and also constitutes the Lord Mayor and the Archbishop of Dublin, the Deans of Christ Church and St. Patrick's, and the Provost of Trinity College for the time being, or any three of them, as Visitors. Noted as read in Council 26 April. [Draft. 2 pages. *Ibid. No. 50I.*]*

March 24. Robert Leigh to Williamson. Concerning the King's letters about Lord Clanbrassil and Mr. Plunkett and the fees thereon.

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I will on returning to Dublin take the business of the discovery in hand. I do not yet know of any lotteries of late in this kingdom, but I will inquire and give an account thereof. [2 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 346, No. 51.]

March 25. Examination of Humphrey Nichols of Dublin.

March 24. Examination of Richard Devin of Dublin. [Both deposing to threats and bad language used by Alexander Frazer about James Shirley.]

March 24. Examination of Sir Richard Aldworth of Newmarket, co. Cork, before Enoch Reader, Lord Mayor. He walked that day about twelve with James Shirley and another in the pillared walks of the Exchange, and then went into the quadrangle to speak with someone. He saw Alexander Frazer go out of the quadrangle into the more private walk, and immediately saw a great tumult and abundance of people flock about the said Frazer and Shirley, who told the examinant the said Frazer had publicly affronted him and threatened to cudgel him.

March 25. Examination of Capt. Roger Moore. He saw Alexander Frazer come into the Exchange with a great cudgel in his hand, and spying till he saw the said Shirley, and when he did he came up and said, "You cowardly rogue, why did you not meet me according to promise?" and then lift up his cudgel at Shirley, who stept back and laid his hand on his sword, saying that was not a place for fighting or giving any such base words. And a throng of people coming about them, Shirley went out, and Frazer following, the examinant took him by the arm, saying if he followed it would make the matter worse against him. He then walked a little about the Exchange, but afterwards went out, and the deponent not long after going out heard a great noise in the street, and saw Frazer and Shirley with their swords drawn, and some soldiers and others betwixt them to disarm and part them. On which the examinant took away Shirley's sword, and turning round saw Frazer come down with his drawn sword, crying, "Clear the way," saying to Shirley, "Now defend thyself." On which the examinant gave Shirley his sword back, and the people then laying hold of Frazer, Shirley put up his sword and went back to the Exchange.

March 24. Examination of Maurice Tracy. [Deposing to some of the same facts.]

March 24. Examination of Edward Bradston. About twelve to-day, being at Cork House door, he saw a great tumult, and on the other side of the street James Shirley reading a letter or paper, and presently Frazer drew his sword, crying out to Shirley, "Have at you now," and ran a tilt at him with his drawn sword. Then Shirley drew his in self-defence, and they made several passes at each other.

March 24. Deposition of Roger Kelly, soldier in the Guards. Being on guard between twelve and one to-day at Dame's Gate, he saw Frazer draw his sword in the street over against Cork House near the said gate, against Shirley, on which Shirley did the same and they

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made several passes at each other. The examinant then came between them with his musket and rest, saying, "Gentlemen, forbear, and do not fight in the open street," and took hold of Shirley's sword and belt, requiring him to give it up, and took him fast in his arms, which Frazer seeing ran violently against Shirley and the deponent, to the great danger of one of them, had not the examinant parried the thrust. Shirley was willing to give up his sword, but Frazer, being in great wrath, refused to do so. [*This and the six preceding are copies covering five pages. They are preceded by three other depositions taken the previous August, concerning an alleged attempt on Shirley's life by Frazer in Aungier Street. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 52.*]

March 24. Deposition by John Portlock, soldier in the Guards. To the same effect as the last, with the addition that one Sullivan, when Frazer ran against Shirley and Kelly, drew his sword and a pass or two followed between him and Frazer. [*Ibid. No. 53.*]

March 25. Will. Bragg to Sir Thos. Lynch. Hearing the sickness is at Bar-
London. badoes and that they die very fast at Bridge Town, I desire as a friend that you will not venture on shore, and have a care whom you take aboard, and not touch at Barbadoes at all, as it will be very dangerous. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 118.*]

[March ?] Thomas Pugh, inceptor of Queen's College, Cambridge, to the King. Petition praying for a dispensation to qualify him for a fellowship at St. John's, on Dr. Gwinn's foundation, vacant by the death of Humphrey Hughes, confined to natives of the diocese of St. Asaph, the petitioner having been born in the diocese of Bangor. *At foot,*

The Earl of Manchester to Lord Arlington. Expressing his consent to the dispensation. [Ibid. No. 119.]

March 25. Dr. Francis Turner, Master of St. John's, to Williamson. Express-
Whitehall. ing his willingness that the dispensation be granted, as he hears a good account of Pugh's merits. [*Ibid. No. 120.*]

March 25. The King to the Master and Fellows of St. John's. Granting the dispensation as prayed. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 69.*]

March 25. Richard Watts to Williamson. I delivered your packet to Sir
Deal. Thomas Lynch. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 121.*]

March 25. Anthony Thorold to James Hickee. The 23rd arrived the *Samuel*
Lyme. from Croisic. She sailed on the 11th with about fifty French coasters bound eastwards, and some five English merchantmen. By a violent storm from the north-west they were quickly separated, and many of the French were wrecked on the French shore, but all the English escaped. There was not any Dutchmen there, or at Nantes, Rochelle, or Bordeaux, but fifty men-of-war were near ready at Brest, Trumbelle, and other ports near to meet their King at Dunkirk. They are daily loading their own vessels with salt, wines, and brandies for the Sound, endeavouring to make a trade there where the Dutch used. [*Ibid. No. 122.*]

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March 25. Sir Jeremy Smith to the Navy Commissioners. Enclosing the survey of the bread returned from the *Welcome*, and desiring directions as to its disposal. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 56.] *Enclosed,*

March 19. *Certificate by Capt. John Tinker and two others that in pursuance of an order from the Navy Commissioners they surveyed the said bread and found 3,500 lbs. fit for service, and 4,890 lbs. mouldy and unserviceable, and that they judge the damage arose from its lying in the ship's orlop, removing it from thence into the hulk, and then again into the ship. [Ibid. No. 57.]*

March 25. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. In December
Chatham. I consulted with the master shipwright as to what ships wanted repairing and ought to be docked after the new *Prince* and *Bonadventure* were launched, so as to employ the shipwrights and others. He was of opinion that the *Henry* was the fittest to go into the single dock, as she had not much to do to her, although, as I conceive, he well knew that her ballast, guns, rigging, &c., were on board, and if he did not, he is much to blame, as on his information I gave him and the master attendant the warrant to dock her, and as the new ship was to be launched the next day, I ordered her to be docked in the night, so that the workmen might be employed. Fearing it might not be done, and knowing the spring tides would fall off, I went myself near high water and found that no directions had been given by the master shipwright for any tackle to help the ship in, nor could I hear of him, though it was his duty to attend, so that through his neglect the ship was not got in so far as she ought to have been, and the King was put to double charge. The *Triumph*, too, he also thought fit to be docked in the double dock, though formerly ordered for the single, and a warrant was given for it, but there not being sufficient water she was not sufficiently got in to shut the gates, and I ordered her out. Again I consulted him what other ships were fittest the next spring tide, when he mentioned the *Leopard* and *Triumph*, which I also gave him orders to dock, and charged both him and the master attendant to get them in the next spring tide, otherwise there would not be employment for the shipwrights. They agreed it should be done, but when I returned to Chatham I found only the *Leopard* in, and found that if the master shipwright had been as ready to receive them as the master attendant was to bring them, they would have both been in, and without the use of any tackle, there having been a great tide, whereby the King was put to extra charge through his wilfulness, as he walked about the yard doing nothing but at high water to dock the ships, which they were four days about when it might have been done in one, and there were consequently only the *Henry* and *Leopard* for a fortnight to employ two hundred and fifty men. Although the assistant keeps his hours, he does not do his duty in looking after the workmen, as I often find him wanting. As to the shipwright, it is a very rare thing to come to the speech of him before seven or eight in the morning, so I leave it to your Honours to judge whether their

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duty can be performed without great prejudice to the service. I have often reprov'd them, but find no amendment, and conceive it is not the practice in other yards for the master shipwright to walk about unconcerned, and the assistant to stalk about the yard with a stick in his hand, while others do their duty, both about the yard and in the saw pits, not taking care to convert the timber to the best use, and not waste it, which I have very often found fault with, as well as with the workmen rambling about the yard upon pretence of looking for stuff, when, in my opinion, it is the master shipwright's, or his assistant's or foreman's duty to provide what is wanting, besides the privilege they take in choosing timber of larger scantling than is wanted that they may have a large chip. The storekeeper has often complained of the wasteful expense of timber, but the shipwright and assistant do not prevent it, and their servants are so much gentlemen that the little work they do is done with their coats on, and they so loiter away their time at the palings of the pound, that it ought to be pulled down, as it is a harbour for them and others to loiter in. No care is taken to return things into the stores, so that they are left to lie about the yard to be embezzled, as what remained of the sheathing board used for the *Friezland* flyboat lay about a week at the waterside and on the stage, though seen by them daily, but through often finding fault I have lately had great disrespect shown to me. His Royal Highness having ordered the *Friezland* to be sheathed and fitted for her Guinea voyage, Capt. Guy, who is to command her, came from Mr. Wren to inform me, when I desired him to go on board and see what was needful to be done. He acquainted me that she wanted a forecastle, a head, and also some other works, whereupon I sent for the master shipwright and also for Capt. Brooke, one of the masters of attendance, and gave them a warrant and order to go on with such works and make her fit for a Guinea voyage; but as they did neither, I informed Mr. Wren that the master shipwright was not in hand with her; when the latter wrote to Mr. Wren, saying that, I being sick, he had not had either an order or warrant, which was a notorious untruth, as he had them before I was taken ill. Not only this, but that untruth written to the Board concerning the *Newcastle's* mast, wherein he acknowledged it was his duty to see that no waste was made by the mastmaker by taking masts too big or too long. But to show what a great liar he is, I found fault with the *Friezland's* masts for being too big, and found he had not performed his duty; but the truth is he is so much the gentleman that he is above that and several other things which he ought to do. I despair of ever seeing things better looked after while he continues master shipwright; and, while he does, that which is done in other yards for 20s. will cost at Chatham 25s., as his assistant is as idle as himself, and the men are not looked after as they ought to be, and when I have found fault they have shuffled it from one to another, the master shipwright saying "Mr. Laurence, did not I give you directions?" and the assistant replying, "No, Mr. Pett, you did not speak to me." I ask your Honours to consider how the King is served and

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suffers by them, and that some course may be taken that the service may be better looked after either by them or by somebody more fit. [5 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 58.] *Annexed,*

Feb. 7.

Wm. Rand and John Brooke to the Navy Commissioners. Having received an order from Commissioner Cox specifying a complaint of bringing ships into the docks at Chatham with so much ballast, guns, &c., that the ships and docks are much damnified thereby, we answer that during the wars with Holland it was the practice to do so for expedition, and no complaint was ever made against it by the shipwright. Since the peace no ships have been so brought in except the *Triumph* and *Henry*, which had about 100 tons ballast apiece, but it could not damnify them if carefully docked, and if any damage was done to the *Triumph*, it was by not placing her well in the dock, and they were so brought in for want of time and lighters to take out the ballast, which Commissioner Cox knew and consented to; otherwise there would have been no employment for the shipwrights. We have more reason to doubt the safety of ships without ballast and having their masts, rigging, &c., than the shipwright had who would not launch the new *Prince* without 30 or 40 tons of ballast in her, and no masts or weight aloft. As to keeping aboard of carriages, we do it by virtue of a warrant of the Navy Board of 28 Nov. 1660. As for the rigging, when it is completed it is put on board and charged on the boatswain by indent, according to a warrant from Col. Middleton and Commissioner Cox, and when ships have been ordered into the dock, since their rigging was fitted, it has been our care to remove it when required out of the shipwright's way. As to the weight of ordnance on ships when docked, there were but twelve small guns on board the *Triumph* and eight in the *Plymouth*, which could not be removed without breaking the works; and as to not docking the *Leopard* and *Triumph* in December, we spoke to the builder several times to take them in, and attended him with other officers, but he refused, whereby a very high tide was lost, which would have saved the use of tackle, and also prevented the shipwrights attending four days at great charge to his Majesty, and the carpenters walking about with their hands in their pockets. We give particulars of subsequently docking them, when the builder finding he had not room for the *Triumph* astern of the *Leopard*, cut away the former's larboard catheads, and the latter's starboard gallery, both of which were good and serviceable, and spent so much time at it that he lost the tide and she grounded on part of the ribands, when he had to make use of all the carpenters, as also a lighter and tackle to lift her off, and then ripped up all the ribands she set on, so that Commissioner Cox might not see where she runge (sic) when he came home. We received Commisioner Cox's command the morning he went to London, not to let an opportunity slip of docking them, as

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if the spring tide should be lost, there would not be employment for two-thirds of the carpenters ; and spoke to Harman, boatswain of the yard, to provide tackle, &c., but the builder forbad him. When they were bringing in the Plymouth the builder came on board, and pretending there was so much ballast, rigging, &c., in her that he could not carry on the works, complained to Commissioner Cox, who ordered Capt. Brooke to employ a lighter to take it out, which was partly done, and there only remained about 25 tons of ballast in her when she was docked, so that there was nothing in the way to hinder his working. We can never get him to consult with us as to docking or graving ships, nor will he go on board to see what is necessary to be done but just as they are being brought in, so that he is more ready to hinder than further the service by snarling and carping, and we conceive that his complaints are but of a malicious and traitorous nature, and that he is endeavouring to shuffle off his own neglect in losing the tide upon us, and letting, as has been his practice, his pen and his tongue run too far on untruth. [3 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 59.]

Certificate by Wm. Harman that he spoke to Mr. Pett about docking the Leopard, and as to what tackle would be wanted, when he told him to provide only one double tackle, as the ship would be so far lightened as not to require more, and that they could not dock her for want of more, and had to launch her back again with the assistance of more tackle and a lighter. [Ibid. No. 60.]

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Ph. Pett to Commissioner John Cox. The Leopard and Triumph were not docked at the time mentioned in the warrant because they were not ready, and besides there was no warrant for the Leopard ; and as to the damage ships receive by being brought in with such great weight on board, it has undoubtedly much prejudiced them by ripping their false keels asunder and straining their bilges, which is apparently known, and it is very much to be feared that several of the groundways under the aprons in both docks are broken, as they are much sunk and the ends of the ways much settled. [Ibid. No. 61.]

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*Welcome,
Downs.*

Capt. John Willgress to the Navy Commissioners. We arrived here with the Assistance yesterday, and intend to proceed on our voyage the first opportunity. Having had contrary winds and bad weather, we were forced to sail down through the King's channel. My best bower cable, which was half worn when received, proves very faulty by my long continuance in the river. [Ibid. No. 62.]

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Woolwich.

Daniel Furzer to Col. Thos. Middleton. Asking that some speedy course may be taken to supply the smith with some iron to make bolts, etc., as he cannot procure any for want of money, and it is now the chief want for the work he is upon ; also some elm board to line the port and to make wedges, or for the carved work. [Ibid. No. 63.]

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- March 25. The King to the Treasury Commissioners of Scotland. Authoris-
Whitehall. ing them to grant a licence to the Duke of Lennox and Richmond
to transport into England his six brass guns at Dumbarton Castle.
[*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 114.*]
- March 26. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Concerning the intended launch
Portsmouth. of the *Royal James* and a frigate sheathed with lead and lac-
quered. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 123.*]
- March 26. Richard Watts to Williamson. The gentlemen who came down
Deal. in one of the King's yachts, having paid 1666 tickets and others
to the men on board the King's ships in the Downs, and some on
shore, sailed for the river. [*Ibid. No. 124.*]
- March 26. James Blackborne to James Hickes. No news since my last.
Plymouth. [*Ibid. No. 125.*]
- March 26. Rich. Gibson to the Navy Commissioners. Since my last by the
Port Mahon. *Newcastle*, which sailed the 2nd inst., the *Portsmouth* frigate with
three victualling and one store ship has come in, which were all
discharged in ten days, except the *Castle*, who had fourteen. The
Advice also arrived, having sprung her mainmast, and must go to
Leghorn for another; also the *Warwick*, who lost all but her mizen
mast and main yard by her bowsprit going by the board in a storm
within three leagues of the Barbary shore. She having been fitted
here, our stock of masts is now reduced to one, and three old yards.
The *Dragon* came on the 12th, and the *Mary, Garland*, and *Pink*
on the 15th, to water, and sailed the 22nd with the *Catherine*, Grist
[master], for Alicante. Copies of their discharges enclosed. The
Victory fireship came the 16th, and the Admiral in the *Revenge*,
and the *Hampshire* the 17th. The *Portsmouth* frigate is tallowed
and victualled. Although I wrote for some bread, as it keeps better
than rusk, yet as it comes in such bad condition that a fourth part
will be lost before it is spent, though art nor nature cannot afford
us better conveniences for storage, I ask that no more may be sent,
or any butter or cheese. Neither oatmeal nor pease are come in these
ships; three months' of the former and two of the latter would be
acceptable to every eight months' flesh sent.
- The Admiral approved of my building and all I have done, though
he seems to have a prospect of a peace. Without my building his
Majesty could not have been secure from paying demurrage. I desire
you will defer answering my request about the storehouses for
three months, by which time I will be more certain as to the con-
tinuance of the war. The three-inch plank being cut for stowage
has put us to great straits for cheeks for the *Warwick's* masts, which
will go away but meanly strengthened, and the elm board is mean
stuff. The pursers desire hard tallow for candles. I have adjusted
with Capt. Greene upon the same terms I did with Capt. Haddock,
although I had no other advice than a sight of Alderman Backwell's
letter of credit to Longland and Co., and a copy of the estimate by
the officers of Deptford attested by Mr. Hayter. I tried the crabs from
Messina with the *Dragon*, when it was found that twenty men could
do more with them than five hundred by tackle and hands. I bought

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100 iron hoops of Capt. Burstow, not having any in store, but every ship, and especially the *Portsmouth*, is so badly fitted that they are forced to shake the hoops off their old butts and drive them upon new, and this shift will not supply them so as to make their stock of casks for water and beverage amount to above 30 tuns. I heard that some iron hoops were shipped in one of the victuallers, and that Mr. Bryant, of the *Princess*, demanded them in the Downs upon pretence that he had indented for them. I shall lose by the bread and cheese, as I take the former by weight and deliver it out again by the same after it has lain from four to six months in a damp hold. I have already lost twelve bags from its being housed in a wrong place besides by the carriers, who purposely tear open their bags amongst a throng of native youths and boys. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 288, No. 64.] *Enclosed,*

1. *The same to the same, being copy of his letter of the 11th instant.* [4 pages. *Ibid.* No. 65.]

2. *Certificate by the same to Sir Denis Gauden, that Capt. William Grist of the Katherine of London has delivered certain provisions mentioned according to his bill of lading, amounting to 197 tons 3 hogsheads as per margin, for which he has paid him 98½ pieces of eight for primage and average. That there was 245 pounds of cheese wanting, one half of it having been eaten by rats and the other half dried up, and that the ship was unloaded and discharged in ten working days.* [Copy. *Ibid.* No. 66.]

3. and 4. *Similar certificates concerning the discharge of the Boston Merchant and Castle.* [Copies. *Ibid.* Nos. 67, 68.]

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Port Mahon.

5. *Richard Gibson to Chas. Longland and Co. at Leghorn. Having seen a letter by you to Capt. John Greene, stating you were empowered by Alderman Edw. Backwell of London to pay the said captain the freight due to him on my certificate, and also of their compliance to pay Capt. Richard Haddock of the Bantam, I certify that the stores brought by the Hambro Merchant have been delivered at Port Mahon according to the bill of lading signed by the storekeeper of Deptford Yard, and that 693l. sterling, or 3,080 pieces of eight at 4s. 6d. per piece, is due to the said captain for freight, and 98 pieces of eight for primage and average, making together 3,178 pieces of eight, which I desire you will pay at sight in current money.* [Copy. 2¼ pages. *Ibid.* No. 69.]

March 23. *The original of the last, with a receipt endorsed by Capt. John Greene for the money, dated Leghorn, 18 April 1671.* [*Ibid.* No. 70.]

March 26. *The King to the Lord Lieutenant. In favour of the Earl of Burlington and Cork, in the terms directed by the order of the 22nd.* [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 27.*]

March 27. *Captain Hugh Acland to James Hickes. About four miles hence, in the parish of Laddocke, a miller's sow brought forth a*

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- monster, which, from the neck backward, had two distinct bodies, joined at the two breasts, with eight feet and two tails, both females, but from the shoulder forward but one neck and one head, which was more than an ordinary bigness, and four ears, two of which were in their usual place, one on each side of the head, and two ears more that grew in the hinder part of the head, near the locking of the neck bone and the head. I have persuaded the person to use some mercury to preserve the body if possible. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 288, No. 126.]
- March 27. Further instructions to the Earl of Carbery, Lord President of
Whitehall. the Council of Wales and the Marches, and the members of the said Council, concerning the administering of oaths and affidavits, and the fees payable thereon. [2 pages. *Ibid.* No. 127 and *S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 79.]
- March 27. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. There came in the *Glass* of
Falmouth. Amsterdam, from Sherrant (Charente). Before she came out, there came in a French vessel of sixty guns, bound for Russia* with wine and brandy, which lost all her masts from storms and with much difficulty got into Rochelle. The French are still raising forces, but there is no talk of a war with Holland. [*Ibid.* No. 128.]
- March 27. James Hickes to Williamson. Hoping "this will find you and
London. " Sir Gilbert Talbot well after your running and jumping, but such " jumps to me will cause me to carry a bonesetter with me," and enclosing the following. [*Ibid.* No. 129.] *Enclosed,*
- March 21. Robert Mein to James Heickes. As for the Earl of Monteith's
Edinburgh. writing to Mr. Williamson, he is not free to give more than 50s. per annum for the news, being persuaded by the Earl of Annandale he was served at that rate. Please desire Mr. Williamson to send me a letter every post, for which I will pay 5l. [*Ibid.* No. 129L.]
- March 27. John Pocock to James Hickes. Reporting the arrival of the
Weymouth. *Seaflower* from the Canaries, and a vessel of North Yarmouth for St. Malo. [*Ibid.* No. 130.]
- March 27. Matthew Anderton to Williamson. Sir Nicholas Armorer dined
Chester. here on Saturday, and in all probability supped last night at Dublin. [*Ibid.* No. 131.]
- March 27. Peter Robinson to Williamson. Applying for a vacant employ-
ment in one of the offices, having come from Williamson's brother at Bridekirk. [*Ibid.* No. 132.]
- March 27. C. Cratford to William Bridgeman. Requesting him to assist the
bearer, Mr. Nayler, who is employed by the Lord Keeper to search for some records, and finds that in the Paper Office at Whitehall there may be something useful for him to see. [*Ibid.* No. 133.]
- March 27. T. Wilson to the Navy Commissioners. After Simon Brunsden
Chatham. was admitted master caulker, my friend Rob. Castle declared that

* In other letters of Holden's her destination is said to be Presia and Persia.

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Brunsdon, finding him and his brother William together, showed them a certificate, and asked for their signatures, which they gave, and that if he had not met them together, he (Castle) believes they both would have refused. Castle, however, was of opinion that (Commissioner Cox being Brunsdon's friend) he might bear command amongst his men, and the service be carried on, as he was well experienced in the abilities of his two foremen. What was said when Mr. Laurence was with them might tend to the same purpose, but as it was said under my roof, I took no notice of it, but Castle will fully satisfy you if you send for him. [*S.P. Dom. Car. II. 297, No. 71.*]

March 27. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I send my reasons
Chatham Dock. for believing in the insufficiency of Brunsdon for the master caulker's place. I have spoken to the major part of those who signed his certificate of 13 March, produced at Shipwrights' Hall, who have declared that nothing was mentioned in it as to his being a very able and knowing person to perform the duty, and that they never saw or heard read anything therein to that effect, nor can they say he is in any way fit for it. Both his foremen, who also signed the certificate, have declared his ignorance to Mr. Laurence and me, which caused me to refuse my hand, and I know that he neglected his duty at the briming of the *Plymouth* and *Triumph*, as I chid him for it in the presence of Mr. Coulson, a merchant, and my assistant, and told him to go and look after the fire. I have no prejudice against him, nor any other design but that of promoting the service and the safety of the ships, being very apprehensive that danger may ensue by continuing such an unfit person in that employment. [*Ibid. No. 72.*] *Enclosed,*

Reasons by Pett and Laurence why Simon Brunsdon is not fit to be master caulker at Chatham, viz., that he was never brought up to caulking, and, as he does not understand it, he is not able to give directions or know whether it is well done or not, so that the ships are daily in great hazard of being fired when brimed, and of proving leaky when at sea. He is also incapable of making demands for stores, or seeing whether they are duly expended, and is wholly forced to trust to the honesty of his foremen, of whom he keeps four, to oversee the works, when two might serve, and his ignorance plainly appeared in making a demand for 900 cwt. of tallow in launching the Prince, for tallowing the cradle, when one moiety thereof would have served, and in caulking bad and rotten planks in the Plymouth and Henry, which had afterwards to be shifted. [1¾ page. Ibid. No. 73.]

March 27. Receipt by Thomas Pointer to Thomas Hayter for certain letters therein mentioned sent by Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners, Pepys, and others, while he was in Scotland and elsewhere, between August 1665 and March 1669-70. [*2¼ pages. Ibid. No. 74.*]

March 27. Gift to Alexander, Earl of Kincardine, of the wards or marriages
Whitehall. fallen or to fall into the King's hands between 11 November 1666,

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and 1 August 1671, except those before the said 11 November given to any other persons, or already componed by the Commissioners of the Treasury. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 115.*]

March 27. Warrant for a charter to John Cheisly, eldest son of Walter
Whitehall. Cheisly of Dalrye, of the lands of Gorgie and Reidhall in Edinburghshire. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 116.*]

March 27. Warrant for a gift to Robert Cunningham, apothecary, of Edin-
Whitehall. burgh, of the ward of lands in Ayrshire fallen into the King's hands as Prince and Stewart of Scotland by the decease of Adam Watt, with the marriage of John Watt, his eldest son, or other his next heir male or female. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 117.*]

March 27. Gift to the said Robert Cunningham of the lands of Baidland and
Whitehall. Bradocklie, holden of the King as Prince and Stewart of Scotland, and of the lands of Dowray holden of him as King, and other lands in Ayrshire forfeited by John Cunningham. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 118.*]

March 27. The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. Requiring them to
Whitehall. continue the adjournment of the Parliament till 12 October. [*Ibid. p. 119.*]

March 28. Sir Robert Vyner to Williamson. In favour of the bearer, Mr.
Winchester Trevers, who is prosecuted for no cause but his faithful discharge of
Street. his duty in the business of the Customs, and desires the King's letters for stay of his trial. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 134.*]

March 22-28. News-letter. 22nd.—French letters say that those of the Protestant religion there are daily more and more persecuted, the clergy endeavouring by degrees to rout them quite out. The Parliament of Rouen lately published an *arrêt*, forbidding all captains, pilots, and other Protestant mariners to perform their devotions after their manner, as long as they shall be at sea, but they shall be obliged to come to mass, to the great consternation of the seamen of that province. From Holland we hear of nothing but the preparations for war. The States will at their next meeting resolve on the raising of more forces. In the meantime the Bishop of Münster's moulder daily away and come over to the States' service.

23rd.—His Majesty, seeing the Parliament cannot possibly rise these three weeks, intends to go to Newmarket next Wednesday, to divert himself till Saturday.

25th.—To-day at noon, Palmer, the bookseller that was imprisoned for dispersing of scandalous and seditious libels, was set in the pillory over against the Middle Exchange.

27th.—This morning he stood in the pillory at Westminster Hall door, and is also fined 40 marks. The false seditious libels under the pretence of Lord Lucas's speech were this morning burnt by the common executioner according to the order of the Lords. [*2½ pages. 2 copies. Ibid. Nos. 135 136.*]

March 28. Dr. Peter Mews to Williamson. Complaining of the inconvenience
Oxford. to the University that post horses cannot be had direct to Nettlebed, or *vice versâ*, but one must go nearly five miles round by

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Abingdon, and desiring that by Sir John Bennet's favour the post from here and from Nettlebed be allowed to furnish horses directly forward and backward. Postscript.—I hope we shall enjoy you here at the laying the foundation stone of your noble charity. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 288, No. 137.]

March 28. James Blackborne to James Hicke. Three great Swedes for Plymouth. Lisbon put in yesterday, and one from London for Jamaica. Weather very tempestuous. [*Ibid.* No. 138.]

March 28. Richard Duke to Williamson. Applying for his assistance in Inner Temple. promoting him to some foreign or domestic employment. [*Ibid.* No. 139.]

March 28. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of Portsmouth. news. [*Ibid.* No. 140.]

March 28. Anthony Deane to Williamson. Concerning the intended launches Portsmouth. next Friday, and the business he had formerly written about. [*Ibid.* No. 141.]

March 28. Sir Thomas Lynch to Williamson. I acknowledge your packet, with Deal. thanks for your expressions of kindness. I have been here a fortnight; we sail the first favourable wind. I think it not safe to touch at Barbadoes, having had, besides yours, two or three to the same purpose, which conclude the plague may continue. Our ships are strangely full and pestered. We have not heard a syllable of Sir C. Wheeler, but conclude this tide may bring him. I hope I shall not be ordered to wait on him at Barbadoes, where doubtless he must have more than the King's business, for their agent for the Customs, Col. Stroud's brother, is dead of this sickness. The *Nonsuch* from the Straits is just anchoring. A pink this morning said ten of the fleet were put by the easterly winds into Falmouth. He could tell nothing of Sir J. Harman. [2 pages. *Ibid.* No. 142.]

[March.] William Barazee to the King. Petition, showing that being found guilty of manslaughter at the Old Bailey sessions for the death of Conquest, he was put on his clergy, and read to the satisfaction of the Court, and by his Majesty's favour was reprieved from burning in the hand, but has ever since been a prisoner, and begging to be inserted in the general pardon, and meanwhile to be released on bail. [*Ibid.* No. 143.]

March 28. Warrant for inserting William Barazee's name in the next general pardon, and in the meantime allowing him his liberty on bail. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 79.]

March 28. Warrant to the Attorney-General for a grant to Conyers Darcy and his son, John Darcy, for their lives and the life of the survivor, of the offices of Bailiff of the liberty of Richmond in Yorkshire, and of Steward and Keeper of the forest therein, and of Constable of the Castle of Middleham, on the surrender of the same by Lord Darcy and Conyers, father of the said Conyers Darcy. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, f. 197.]

March 28. Warrant to the Clerk of Signet to prepare a grant to Randle Brereton and Martha Bouchier, the executors of Rebecca Brereton,

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of 174*l.* 1*s.* 8½*d.* now in the hands of the Sheriff of Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, levied on the lands of James Whitlock, in a suit brought against him by the said Rebecca Brereton in her lifetime. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 98.*]

March 28. Privy seal for 200*l.* *per annum*, to commence from last Christmas, to Nathaniel Bradley, Consul at Tripoli. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 79.*]

Docquet thereof dated April. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 52.*]

March 28. Warrant to the Attorney-General to prepare a grant to Philip Barder of the reversion after the next two vacancies of the office of one of the undersearchers of the port of London. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 79.*]

March 28. Petition of Henry Stupple, master of the *Easter* of London, to the Navy Commissioners, for the return of an anchor and buoy rope slipt by him by accident last November when lying off the Canaries, which were taken up by the long boat of the *Reserve*, commanded by Capt. Eliot, who refuses to deliver them unless he pays him 5*l.*, when they only cost 7*l.* at the first, he being willing to pay what their Honours shall judge meet. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 75.*]

March 28. Col. Thos. Middleton to the Navy Commissioners. When last at Woolwich a stack of broom and reed was piled up by the new storehouse, which if fired by design or accident, will burn the stores. If the porter's house was taken down and built by the gate, where he would be more at his duty, as in Chatham Yard, that plot of ground and the garden would be a convenient place for stacking such broom and reed, and be free from danger. [*Ibid. No. 76.*]

March 28. John Shish to the Navy Commissioners. I carefully performed
Deptford. the duties at Woolwich, as directed by your warrant; but as it is his Royal Highness's pleasure that I should proceed no further in it, I ask for such an allowance per day as you shall judge fit, seeing that I lay there as a stranger from my own house and family sixty-three days. [*Ibid. No. 77.*]

March 29. Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. The *Jane* from Morlaix
Lyme. reports news of the arrival of the Count d'Estrees at Brest with fourteen sail from the coast of Tunis, but without any considerable advantage. The seamen whose turn it is to serve this year are summoned to appear, the French King intending to man out a fleet of about fifty sail this summer. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 144.*]

March 29. John Carlile to Williamson. Acknowledging his letter of the
Dover. 28th and that of M. d'Ognate, stating that as to the civility of the officers of this port, he never gave a just complaint to any, unless in executing the trust reposed in him, which is very great and the profits very small, viz., but 4*d.* per person, and mentioning various sums detained from him by Mr. Blayney, Sir Thomas Peyton, and others. [*Ibid. No. 145.*]

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- March 29. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The *Lewis* from Cadiz reports
Falmouth. that she met a Dunkirker from Martinico, who told them the French had taken seven Dutchmen and five English, and that they seemed to be master of the seas there. The *Providence* from Rochelle reports that at Rochfort there are seven frigates on the stocks to carry from twenty to thirty guns apiece, and that there are about 1,000 men there every day at work casting guns and other materials for sea, and cutting channels and making harbours. Of late very many ships have been cast away on the French coast owing to violent storms. They met fourteen skippers that had lost their ships. Little talk of a war there, there being several Dutchmen now in the river. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 146.*]
- March 29. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Almost identical with the
Falmouth. last. [*Ibid. No. 147.*]
- March 29. Order in Council, that Lord Arlington prepare a letter for the
Whitehall. King's signature, to the Consul at Algiers, informing him that Francis Baker has been deputed to manage the redemption of the King's subjects in captivity there, and desiring him to give him his utmost help therein. [*Ibid. No. 148.*]
- March 29. Richard Watts to Williamson. Last night arrived the Algiers
Deal. prize taken by Sir Edward Spragg; the people much rejoiced at sight of her. [*Ibid. No. 149.*]
- March 29. John Pocock to James Hickes. The *Gift* from Bayonne ten days
Weymouth. since reports that there came out with her three men-of-war of fifty guns each, bound for Newhaven (Havre de Grace), that were never at sea before, and likewise there are three more of sixty guns each on the stocks there, and the discourse of a war with Holland is wholly laid aside. [*Ibid. No. 150.*]
- March 29. Francis Bowen to Williamson. Two ships have been driven into
Pembroke. Tenby by contrary winds. [*Ibid. No. 151.*]
- March 29. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. Asking for a supply
Chatham Dock. of candles formerly demanded, otherwise the works will be at a stand for want of them, and referring them to Thos. Coulson for information of Mr. Bronsden's absence from the *Plymouth* when she was briming and the fire was on both sides of her. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 78.*]
- March 29. The Lord Lieutenant to Lord [Arlington]. Desiring him to
move his Majesty to appoint Sir Maurice Eustace, whom he commends, a Privy Councillor of Ireland. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 54.*]
- March 30. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of
Portsmouth. news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 152.*]
- March 30. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Our coinage begins to-day,
Truro. and great quantities of tin are brought in to be coined. [*Ibid. No. 153.*]
- March 30. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I doubt
Portsmouth. not but all things will be ready for launching the *Royal James*

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and the new fifth-rate to morrow, and I hope some of you will bring her name, as I forgot it when with his Royal Highness. The *Tiger* has all her carpentering and rigging work done, but the graving has been deferred, that she may go out of harbour cleaner. I ask whether haste is required with her, as if so it may be done on Monday. She has twenty men entered, which are all that have offered themselves worth entertainment. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 79.*]

March 30. Benjamin Gauden to Sir Jeremy Smith. I examined Sir Thos. Clutterbuck's account, and as it will bear an allowance of the two bills enclosed they may be accepted. Noted that two bills drawn 16 Feb. and 9 March 1671, and payable two months after date to Francisco Milanezi, for 500*l.*, and to Casimo Casaccia, for 168*l.*, passed the Board on 1 April, and that another drawn 6 March for 802*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*, payable to Lorenzo Buonacorzi three months after date, might be accepted on 1 April. [*Ibid. No. 80.*]

March 31. William Wakeman to James Hickes. Yesterday arrived a ship
Barnstaple. with wine, fruit, and salt, from St. Lucar, where she had carried fish from Newfoundland. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 154.*]

March 31. James Blackburne to James Hickes. The *Swallow* frigate touched
Plymouth. here yesterday. Sir John Harman is expected every day. Yesterday came in the *John and Margaret*, bound for the East Indies, but being three weeks at sea from foul weather in the Bay of Biscay, lost her foremast and sustained other damage. There is a rumour that the French have seized several English and Dutch ships in the West Indies. [*Ibid. No. 155.*]

March 31. Richard Watts to Williamson. A ship from Malaga reports that
Deal. letters from our fleet in the Straits report that Sir Edward Spragg has run three Algerines on shore, and that the Algerines have called in question the cause of the war and the promoters of it, and brought them to open punishment and large fines for it. [*Ibid. No. 156.*]

[March ?] Rev. Benjamin Parry, D.D., to the King. Petition, praying to be presented to the living of St. John Baptist in the City of London, now vacant. *On the same paper,*

March 31. *Reference thereof to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and*

March 31. *Testimonial by the Archbishop in the petitioner's favour.*
[*Ibid. No. 157, and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 48, pp. 4, 5.*]

March 31. The reference alone. [*S.P. Dom. Entry Book 33, p. 150.*]

[March ?] Elizabeth Prideaux to the King. Petition, stating that she had been promised to be admitted one of the Queen's dressers, which place was not only full, but granted in reversion, and praying in regard of the great sufferings of her father, Sir Bevil Grenville, a grant of

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the fee farm rent of 83*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.*, not named in any patent for sale thereof. *At foot,*

March 31. *Reference thereof to the Commissioners of the Treasury. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 158.] Annexed,*

April 6. *Report by them in favour of the petitioner. [Ibid. No. 158*l.*]*

March 31. The reference alone. *[S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33, p. 149.]*

March 31. Commissioner John Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. We had
Portsmouth. good success in launching the new ships the *Royal James* and *Phœnix*; the first drew 15 feet aft and 12 afore, the other 9 feet 8 inches aft and 7 afore. They are very comely ships upon the water, and I doubt not of their proving well conditioned. I hoped to have seen some of your Honours at the launching. I have advised Mr. Wren. *[S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 81.]*

March 31. Capt. John Tyrwhitt to the Navy Commissioners. As my
Adventure. purser has often complained that he indented for a month's provisions for a hundred and seventy men, but has not received twenty bags and a half of bread, and that the hoyman went away without giving him a receipt for four casks he had hence, or taking one for the provisions, I ask you to take such course that we may not be charged with more than we received. With thanks for the long oars so often promised. *[Ibid. No. 82.]*

March 31. Wm. Penn to the Navy Commissioners. I send two muster books
Kinsale. of the *Newcastle* and *Dragon*. There was such a tempestuous wind on 1 March, that it broke all the cables, and flung the *Harp* on her side. I fear she has received some damage. The mast, too, in my custody, broke loose from the chain, and was carried upon dry land, which forty men could hardly do. The boom, being fastened by it, broke loose, and would have been gone, had I not got help to stop it. *[Ibid. No. 83.]*

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March. J[ames] B[lackborne] (?) to James Hickes. Three ships arrived
Exeter. from Lisbon left Sir John Harman and forty sail at Cadiz; expected every day. *[S.P. Dom., Car. II. 288, No. 159.]*

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[March ?] Petition of the gunmakers about London, praying for payment for the firearms supplied by them for furnishing the fleet that brought the King to England, and stating that, notwithstanding the vote of 3 November 1670 (*See Commons' Journals IX. 159.*) nothing has been done for their relief. *[Ibid. No. 160.]*

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[After
March 12.] "A Kallander of all the Persons now in the Common Goale appointed for the County of Surry, with their severall Faults by them committed." *[Ibid. No. 161.]*

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[March ?] Request to Williamson to procure for Mr. Wren protection from impressment for five lightermen named for this year. *[Ibid. No. 162.]*

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[March ?] Petition of Sir Robert Holmes to the King and Council for further orders in the case of Thos. Boreman, who refused to obey

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a previous order of 20 Jan. [1671], to deliver up certain French wines and brandies, from a ship wrecked off the island, to Rob. How and Alex. Read, Vice-Admiralty officers, who demanded them, which goods were to be kept by the petitioner till the right thereto was ascertained. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 288, No. 163.]

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[March ?]

Case of Sir Peter Wyche, stating the losses of his father, and his own in consequence, in the Royal cause; that he was sent about two years ago [in Feb. 1669] Envoy Extraordinary to Muscovy and Poland, and performed his duty faithfully; and begging for foreign employment. [*Ibid.* No. 164.]

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[March ?]

Note that Jane Griffiths is the woman that found the letter in the street, 23 March 1671, and gave it to Rob. Powell, a porter, to carry it to where it was directed. Her daughter's name is Elizabeth Griffiths. Both are now in the Poultry Compter. Her husband is in the *Prince*, now in the Straits, under the command of Sir W. Jennens. [*Ibid.* No. 165.]

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Warrant to Sir Thomas Lynch to seize Sir Thomas Modyford. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 24, p. 49.]

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Private instructions for Sir Thomas Lynch. [*Ibid.*]

March.

Warrant to the Duke of York to direct Captain Hubbard to assist Sir Thomas Lynch. [*This and the two preceding are calendared in S.P. Col., America, &c., 1669-74, pp. 174, 172. Ibid.* p. 48.]

March.

Plymouth.

John Lanyon to the Navy Commissioners. I received your directions concerning the hulk, and send a survey made of her. As the estimate of the cost of her repair was much beyond what I imagined, I desired the surveyors to set down the particulars. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 84.] *Enclosed,*

Certificate by Wm. Kendall and seven others, shipmasters, owners, and shipwrights, of their survey of his Majesty's hulk at Plymouth, finding that she may be made serviceable for many years, at the cost of 462l. 10s. 0d. [Ibid. No. 85.]

March.

Certificate by Jonas Shish and three others of a survey of the 27 New England masts and bowsprits belonging to Sir Wm. Warren, of which they have made choice of 23 masts and two bowsprits as fit and useful for the service. [*Ibid.* No. 86.]

March.

Grant to Sir Thomas Chicheley of the offices of Master of the Ordnance, Keeper of the Armoury at East Greenwich, and Serjeant and Master of the Arms and Armoury in the Tower and elsewhere in England. Three copies; one for the Lord Keeper, another for the Privy Seal. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, Nos. 22, 23, 24.]

March.

Demise to Sir William Bucknall of the duty of 5s. per ton on French shipping for ten years and two months from 20 October 1671, if the French duty of 50 sols a ton imposed on English shipping shall so long continue, at the yearly rent of 1,200l., one moiety thereof to be

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 paid to Sir Bernard Gascoyne in lieu of his pension during his life, and the rest into the Exchequer. [*Docquets*, Vol. 25, No. 26.]
- March. Warrant to the Exchequer for payment to Sir Edward Hungerford of 2,264*l.* for the purchase of 34 acres, a house, gardens, and two limekilns adjoining the citadel at Plymouth. [*Ibid* No. 27.]
- March. Pardon to the town of Great Yarmouth for coining halfpence and farthings. [*Ibid*. No. 28.]
- March. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to Edward Villiers 1,000*l.* of the King's bounty. [*Ibid*. No. 31.]
- March. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to Sir Denis Gauden 20,879*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.* and 17,286*l.* 19*s.* 9¼*d.* for so much expended by him in victualling the Navy, with interest at 6 per cent. [*Ibid*. No. 32.]
- March. Grant to Jeremiah Houghton of the office of Keeper of the Armoury at Westminster, in place of James Parker, deceased, with the fee of 12*d.* a day, to commence from Michaelmas 1666. [*Ibid*.]
- March. Grant to Edward Backwell for life, with remainder to his son John for his life, of the offices of controller of the greater and lesser customs, and of the subsidy of 3*s.* the hogshead and 12*d.* the pound in the port of London, on the surrender of Nicholas Cooke and Richard Mountney. [*Ibid*. No. 33.]
- March. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to William, Lord Chandos, 200*l.* *per annum* during pleasure. [*Ibid*. No. 34.]
- March. Like warrant to pay to Charles Porter 500*l.* as a free gift. [*Ibid*.]
- March. Like warrant to pay to Francis Bowman 434*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.*, for stationery for Lord Arlington, in full of an account to 26 October 1670, and also not exceeding 500*l.* for stationery delivered in future, by bills allowed by Lord Arlington. [*Ibid*. No. 35.]
- March. Grant to Sir Job Charlton, Chief Justice of Chester, of 500*l.* *per annum*, and to Robert Milward, a judge there, of 200*l.* *per annum*, to commence from Michaelmas last. [*Ibid*.]
- March. Grant to Sir George Charnock of the office of Serjeant-at-Arms in reversion after Serjeant Leigh. [*Ibid*. No. 36.]*
- [March ?] The case of Sir Richard Kennedy, one of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in Ireland. Giving reasons why, on account of the barrenness of the lands in Wicklow set out to some of the '49 officers and purchased by him, the quit-rents thereof should be reduced from 139*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* to 95*l.*, as ordered by the Earl of Ossory, when Lord Deputy, and the Council, which orders, though drawn up, were not signed, owing to the removal of the said Earl, his petition having been referred to the Lords of the Treasury above two months ago (12 Jan. *ante*, p. 19). [*S.P. Ireland*, Car II. 330, No. 54A.]

* NOTE.—All these docquets are dated March 1670 or 1670-1, and are therefore earlier than 25 March.

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Feb. and March. Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the wind, &c. :—

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166	Feb. 27	3	8	0	N.W.	
167	" 28	3	8	4	W.N.W.	
168	Mar. 2	3	8	0	S.S.E.	
169	" 3	3	10	0	S.S.E.	
170	" 4	3	11	0	S.	
171	" 6	3	0	0	E.	All the merchant ships sailed to-day with a fair wind and a fresh gale.
172	" 7	3	0	0	E.	Blowing hard.
173	" 9	3	0	2	S.E.	
174	" 10	3	0	0	E.	
175	" 12	3	4	0	S.E.	Blowing hard.
176	" 13	3	3	1	E.	
				gone through.		
177	" 14	3	0	0	E.	
178	" 15	3	2	2	E.	
179	" 17	3	2	1	S.E.	
180	" 18	3	2	0	E.	
181	" 19	3	0	1	E.	This morning a ship ran on Goodwins, but the weather was so stormy that no boats could go off to help her, but about noon she floated and sailed southward.
182	" 20	3	0	0	E.	Stormy weather.
183	" 21	3	1	0	E.	
			gone through.			
184	" 22	5	0	0	N.W.	
185	" 23	5	5	0	W.	
186	" 24	4	6	0	S.W.	
187	" 26	6	5	0	S.	The Assistance and Welcome are expected in the Downs the next tide.
188	" 27	6	5	0	S.	
189	" 29	7	17	2	S.W.	
		and a prize.				
190	" 30	7	18	4	S.W.	
		and a prize.				
191	" 31	7	21	2	S.W.	

April 1. Information of Robert Fife, serjeant in Lord Craven's company, concerning the refusal on 28 March of William Walker, constable of St. Dunstan's in the West, to obey the King's order for quartering soldiers.

April 1. Information of the same and of Thomas Butler, corporal, and Edward Williamson, soldier, concerning a second refusal on 31 March. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 1.*]

April 1. Dr. John Pearson, Master. Our fears intimated in my last
Trinity are come upon us, and something more than we could fear.
College. S^r (*Dominus*) Chapman, whom we refused to be a Conduct in our

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chapel, has now obtained a mandate for a fellowship, to the utter destruction of the next year, numerous and very hopeful. I read his Majesty's letter to our Seniors this afternoon, who were strangely surprised, and because I could not perceive any one man amongst them who thought his Majesty was rightly informed in this case, I conceived it best to give them time to consider of it till Monday. Pardon me, if I thought it fit to trouble you with so imperfect a relation, my desire being only to prevent any misconstruction, and to assure you that there shall be no further delays, except there appear very great reason and such as we cannot doubt but my Lord Arlington will allow of. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 2.*]

April 1.
Chester.

Matthew Anderton to Williamson. You cannot imagine what strange effects that unlucky paper called my Lord Lucas's speech hath wrought in most men's brains, who took too much boldness from the warrant thereof to prate unbecomingly; but since the news of how the House of Lords resented it, their tongues are tied. Sir William Petty is arrived from Ireland bound for London. [*Ibid. No. 3.*]

April 1.
Lyme.

Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. Enclosing a list of the French fleet brought by the master of the *Jane* from Morlaix. [*Ibid. No. 4.*]

April 1.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. The packet for Sir Thomas Lynch I had to pay for, it not coming frank. I delivered it last night, but did not see him, as he was sick of his old distemper, and had a doctor from Canterbury. This afternoon he is much amended. The *Swallow* from the Straits arrived this afternoon, but her boats have not yet landed. [*Ibid. No. 5.*]

April 1.

The King to the President and Fellows of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Requiring them to re-elect into the traveller's place Francis Parry, Fellow of the College, now Agent to the Court of Portugal. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 70.*]

April 1.
Woolwich.

Dan. Furzer to the Navy Commissioners. Asking for a supply of elm timber, also a tree to make a bowsprit for the *Ruby*, and some oakum and glue, all of which have been formerly demanded. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 87.*]

April 1.
Kent,
Plymouth.

Capt. Roger Strickland to the Navy Commissioners. I came from Cadiz 16 March with nine sail under my convoy. The leak in my ship is the same as when I went out, and she is weak betwixt wind and water, which I believe is the cause of her making so much, besides there may be defects in her stem. Her head is also cracked, of which I gave an account when I went out, as also of what I had done to secure it. I presume a month or six weeks in the dock would make her serviceable. I enclose a letter from the captain of the *Roebuck*. [*Ibid. No. 88.*]

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Petition of Simon Bronsdon, master caulker at Chatham yard, to the Navy Commissioners to confirm him in his employment, and to admit him to speak in his own justification, if anything

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further is objected against him. Upon a complaint made to them of his insufficiency by Phineas Pett, the master shipwright there, who was the first that moved him to undertake the employment, being then well satisfied with his ability and sufficiency for the place, he came to justify himself, and being examined by the Corporation of Shipwrights' Hall, to the major part whereof he has been well known for thirty years, they made a report of his sufficiency. His care and diligence since he came into the employment is amply manifested by the certificate subscribed by the foreman of the caulkers, the quartermen of the shipwrights, and other officers of the yard, as also by the work lately performed by him upon six or seven of the King's ships. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 89.]

April 1.
Nonsuch,
Downs.

Capt. John Berry to the Navy Commissioners. I gave his Royal Highness an account of my arrival, but I have been here since Tuesday without orders. I have not above five days' provisions on board, and am so badly cabled that it will be dangerous to lie here in bad weather. If ordered for Portsmouth, I desire that a fore and main topsail may be sent, as those I have will scarcely hold hoisting, and I sailed the most part of the way home with only the lower sails, and was forced to reduce one to mend the others. [*Ibid.* No. 90.]

April 1.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a gift to John, Earl of Lauderdale, of all annuities due to the King of the teinds of all the lands of the said Earl. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 120.*]

April 1.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a gift to Charles Maitland of Halton, Treasurer Depute, of all annuities due to the King of the teinds of all the lands of John, Earl of Dundee, deceased. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 121.*]

April 1.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a gift to the city of Edinburgh of an imposition of 2s. Scots on every Scotch pint of French wine, 4s. Scots on each Scotch pint of Spanish or Rhenish wine, brandy, or other strong distilled foreign liquors, and of 12*d.* Scots on each Scotch pint of mum, and of foreign imported ale and beer vended within the said city or any of the liberties thereof, to be restricted, however, to 14*d.* Scots on French, and 2s. 4*d.* Scots on Spanish and Rhenish wines, while the city enjoys the benefit of a former imposition on ale and beer, these impositions to be by and attoure a former imposition on wines granted to the said city by Act of Parliament for part payment of their ministers' stipends and an old gift of 4*l.* the tun of wine. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 122.*]

April 1.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a patent of the office of Lyon King-at-Arms to Sir Chas. Araskine and his son, with a salary of 1,200*l.* Scots, suspending the son being crowned as King-at-Arms during his father's lifetime. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 123.*]

April 1.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a charter to Sir Alexander M^cCullo, of Mertoun, of the lands of Laggan-milne and other land forfeited by John M^cCullo of Barholme, deceased, for treason and rebellion in joining the Western rebels who were defeated at Pentland in 1666. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 124.*]

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April 1. Warrant for a presentation to the said Sir Alexander McCullo for
Whitehall. the admission of Alexander McCullo, junior, of Drumorell, to the lands of Barholme and Bardriston, in the stewartry of Kirkcudbright, forfeited by the said John McCullo. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 125.*]
- April 1. Warrant for the rehabilitation of Henry, Jane, and William,
Whitehall. children of the said John McCullo, against the incapacity caused by their father's forfeiture. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 126.*]
- April 1. Sir George Rawdon to Viscount Conway. I am newly home from
Lisburn. Carrickfergus, where the assizes end not till Monday. On Tuesday Sir R. Kennedy comes to me on his way to Armagh. Particulars of accounts and other business matters, and about his family. [*1½ page. Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 55.*]
- April 2. Richard Watts to Williamson. I delivered your last packet im-
Deal. mediately to one Madam Parker, who promised its careful delivery. To-day arrived Sir John Harman in the *St. David* with several convoys. The wind very stiff between south and south-west. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 6.*]
- April 2. Deering Blackburn, by his father's command, to James Hickes.
Plymouth. The *Kent* frigate with three merchant vessels arrived from the Straits declares there was a great hurricane there, which did much damage to the walls of Cadiz, and cast away several ships, and several others spent their masts. Very few of the Englishmen had any loss, except a Bristol vessel, which lost her mast. It continued violent not above an hour and a half. [*Ibid. No. 7.*]
- April 2. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Friday last were launched the
Portsmouth. *Royal James*, who is to carry above 100 pieces of ordnance, and also the *Phœnix*, to carry above 40 pieces. [*Ibid. No. 8.*]
- April 2. Presentation of Dr. Benjamin Parry to the rectory of St. John
Baptist, London. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 13.*]
- April. Docquet thereof. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 53.*]
- April 2. William Pooke, purser, to Thos. Hayter. Announcing their safe
St. David, arrival in good health, but very short of provisions; and as that
Downs. may be the means of their being sooner paid off, asking him to send him some pay-books and inform him when they will be paid, and whether he is to split the books or make them all in one, as they have been out since 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 91.*]
- April 2. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. On the petition of Jeremy
Donovan, who was by the late Court of Claims declared an innocent Protestant and restored to his estate, sequestered by the late Usurper for his and his father's loyalty, directing that letters patent be passed erecting three plowlands of Kilmacabea, containing 700 acres, the town and lands of the Leap, part of Brulee, the plowland of Knockskagh, and four other plowlands, all in the barony of

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Carbery and county of Cork, now in his actual possession, into a manor by the name of Donovan's Leap, with all the powers and privileges belonging to a manor and usual in such grants, with a grant of a weekly market and two yearly fairs at the Leap, and with licence to have a deer park and to impark not exceeding 500 acres. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 36.*]

[April ?] Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Jerome Alexander, deceased, to the King. Petition stating her father had been adjudged by the Commissioners for executing the Acts of Settlement and Explanation the lands mentioned in the annexed certificate (calendared *ante*, p. 103), but that the Commissioners had omitted to sign the said certificate before they rose, and that she cannot in consequence pass letters patent for the said lands, and praying letters to the Lord Lieutenant for passing such letters patent, notwithstanding the want of such certificate. *At foot,*

April 2. *Reference of the said petition to Sir John Temple, Solicitor-General for Ireland. On the back,*

April 4. *His report, in favour of the petitioner, if the allegations in her petition be true, and advising that the patent be passed to her to the uses declared by her father's will. [S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 56.]*

April 3. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. This place is at present barren
Truro. of all news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II., 289, No. 9.*]

April ^[3]₁₃. Sir Thos. Clutterbuck to the Navy Commissioners. I have
Leghorn. already written, but have just time to post two packets enclosed, since arrived from Port Mahon. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 92.*]

April 3. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Whereas William, Lord Brabazon, son of the Earl of Meath, having been engaged in a late duel in Ireland, wherein or by wounds then received Ensign John Slater died, for which both he and Trevor Loyd, who actually killed the said Slater, and others stand indicted of murder in the King's Bench, and the rest have been tried and found guilty of manslaughter only, but the said Lord Brabazon could not be tried with the rest, being a peer of Ireland; directing a pardon to be passed under the great seal to the said Lord Brabazon. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 33.*]

April 4. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of
Portsmouth. news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 10.*]

April 4. Order of the House of Lords concerning precedence at the funeral of the Duchess of York. [*Printed in Lords' Journals XII. 477. 2 Copies. Ibid. Nos. 11, 12.*]

March 29— News-letter. [Part in *Fleming Calendar*, p. 77.] 30th.—Letters
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French King of their enjoying an undisturbed peace this summer, they are very apprehensive of the French forces, lest they should deal with them as in 1661. Meantime Count de Monterey is putting that country into the best posture of defence he can.

31st.—Last Tuesday evening came into the Downs an Algiers man-of-war, lately taken by Sir E. Spragg in the Mediterranean, a ship of considerable force and bulk. She was received by the people with no little satisfaction. Letters from Malaga say that letters from our Mediterranean fleet inform them of Sir E. Spragg's having run on ground three Alger men-of-war of considerable force, and that people there begin to inquire into the causes and authors of the war with us, by which they have suffered so considerably, and have punished some severely for it, intending not to continue long in that condition.

1st.—A vessel for Dunkirk from the West Indies says the French there take all they can light on, and had taken, before she left, seven Dutch and five English ships.

3rd.—Her Royal Highness's sudden death has put the whole Court in no small disturbance, and much afflicts his Royal Highness, who yet keeps his chamber and admits no visitants. On Wednesday next her interment is appointed, but privately in Henry VII.'s chapel, for which preparations are making. The King intended (had not this happened) this day sevensnight to have made a journey towards Yarmouth, Hull, and those parts; but now, they say, Parliament not being able to finish till Easter, he has put off his progress till after the festival, intending then to be out for about forty days towards Plymouth and those parts.

4th.—A sharp dispute lately happened between Mr. Cole, fishmonger of this city, and my Lord Mayor about disobeying some by-laws made by him and the Court of Aldermen concerning his profession, for which he was by my lord committed to prison, and having for his discharge sued out four *habeas corpus*s, which have been still denied by my lord, a misunderstanding is occasioned between the city and the Lord Chief Justice, so that yesterday the Lord Mayor gave the King an exact narrative thereof, leaving the final determination to the law next term. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 13.*]

March 31— Another news-letter, almost identical with the corresponding parts
April 4. of the last. [*Ibid. No. 14.*]

[April 4.] William Franklin to Williamson. I desire your favour in confirmation of the King's mandate to the town of Bedford to receive Mr. Rugely, the bearer, to exercise his trade of drapery as freeman thereof. Two drapers already trading there, and consequently the only persons concerned, were formerly purged out of all offices of the Corporation by the late Act of Regulation upon account of their violent and irregular proceedings heretofore with the major-generals there. Probably one of them, Mr. Easton, has waited on you, not only to palliate the reception of the mandate—which was opened by a private cabal before it was offered to the Common Council, and then was not permitted to be put to the vote—

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but also, if possible, to obtain a countermand thereof. He comes with the consent neither of the major part nor loyalist part of the town. (Undated. Endorsed, "Received 5 April 1671.") [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 15.]

April 4. Pardon to Margaret Fell, *alias* Fox, for refusing to take the oath of allegiance and supremacy, with grant of her estate to her daughters Susan and Rachel. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 38.*]

April 4. John Shish to the Navy Commissioners. Asking them to discharge some sawyers and shipwrights, as they will not do their work, and stating he is in great want of knee timber formerly demanded for the repair of three ships in hand. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 93.]

April 4. Matthew Wren to the Navy Commissioners. Sending a letter from Capt. Cotterell, who has arrived at Gravesend with the *Algiers* prize, and has orders to bring her up to Deptford, and asking them to consider his demand and give such order therein as they think fit; also that all haste may be made in fitting out the *Crown*, *Mary Rose*, and *Success*. [*Ibid.* No. 94.] *Enclosed,*

April 2. *Capt. Edw. Cotterell to Matthew Wren. I am waiting at The Algier. Gravesend for further orders. My rigging being very bad, and my anchors much too light, I judge it not safe to come up higher, without a long boat, a kedge anchor, and hawser, which I desire may be sent down. I was forced to hire a Deal hooker to Gravesend, but having no orders to come up higher, I have discharged him.* [*Ibid.* No. 95.]

April 4. Commissioner John Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. The Portsmouth. *Tiger* is graved and will go off this tide, so that she will only stay for victuals and men. Probably not more than forty or fifty men can be had here, the country being gleaned by the Newfoundland men since the *Adventure* went hence, but the master is very industrious in getting what he can. They must, however, depend upon London for the greatest number, so I conceive the commander, whilst there, would do well to improve his interest and hasten them down as fast as he can. [*Ibid.* No. 96.]

April 5. John Pocock to James Hickes. Shipping news. [*S.P. Dom., Weymouth. Car. II.* 289, No. 16.]

April 5. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. A Newcastle ship put in on the 2nd met a Dutchman from Bordeaux homeward bound, who said there had been many wrecks all along the coast of France. The *St. David* of Amsterdam, arrived the 3rd, says three great ships were ready and intended to fall down at the Texel the next high spring in order to their going to sea. The talk there generally is of war. The witches I wrote to you about, the assizes being over, are freed, although that about their familiarity with rats and cats and other things were plainly proved against them. [*Ibid.* No. 17.]

April 5. Thomas Holden to Williamson. [Almost identical with the last.] Falmouth. [*Ibid.* No. 18.]

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Proclamation. Whereas in the fields commonly called the Windmill Fields, Dogfields, and those adjoining to So-Hoe and several other places about the suburbs of London and Westminster, divers small and mean habitations and cottages have been lately erected on new foundations and more are daily preparing, not only without any allowance from the King, but some against his express command signified by the Surveyor-General, which are likely to prove common nuisances by being used for the most noisome trades, and becoming a receptacle of a multitude of poor, to the damage of those parishes already too much encumbered, and by rendering the government thereof more unmanageable, but especially by choking up the air of the King's palaces and parks and endangering the infection if not the total loss of those waters which by many expensive conduits are conveyed thence to the palace at Whitehall, whereof some decay is already perceived by the sergeant plumber, and more is feared: The King charges all persons to forbear erecting any more new buildings in the suburbs of London or Westminster, or to finish any already begun without a licence under the great seal, and if any disobey, all such buildings shall be abated and thrown down, and the offenders proceeded against with the utmost rigour of the law. [*Draft. Over 2 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 19, and S.P. Dom., Proclamations, Vol. 3, p. 286.*]

[April 5.] Clause in the above proclamation, endorsed "Mr. Surveyor's amendment," to the end that if more new buildings be thought fit by his Majesty to be erected, they may be built regularly in accordance with the public benefit and convenience. [*Ibid. No. 20.*]

April 5. Proclamation against dirt-boats and bumboats on the Thames. [*1½ page. Draft. Ibid. No. 21, and S.P. Dom., Proclamations, Vol. 3, p. 285.*]

April 5. Warrant to Sir Orlando Bridgeman, Lord Keeper, for affixing the great seal to a commission appointing Lord Arlington, Lord Ashley, Sir Thomas Clifford, and Sir John Trevor, Commissioners to treat with the Ambassadors of the States General concerning a defensive unlimited alliance. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 25, f. 198.*]

April 5. Caveat in favour of Mr. Rustat that no mandamus pass for a fellowship in Jesus College, Cambridge. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 32, p. 11.*]

April 5. Wm. Rand, John Brooker, and Edw. Gregory to the Navy Commissioners. We are strangers to Mr. Pett's inviting or prompting Mr. Bronsdon to seek for the employment of caulker upon the death of Mr. Bowtwell. We have summoned the several persons who signed the certificates enclosed, except John Adrall, residing in London, who unanimously own the matter in the same words; and as to Mr. Pett's assertions with respect to their disowning it, we refer your Honours to the papers sent. We have given Pett an extract of your letter requiring from him an account upon oath, which we suppose he has taken. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 97.*] *Enclosed,*

Certificate by Jos. Laurence and two others that they heard Wm. Marles, Walter Fletcher, Thos. Sprague, and Thos.

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Clarke, declare to Phineas Pett, that they did not remember there was anything mentioned in the certificate they signed as to Mr. Bronsdon being a very able, knowing person to perform the duty and trust imposed on him in the service, nor saw or heard read anything to that effect, but they owned to the former part of it, that he had been carpenter of several merchant ships. With a further certificate by Thos. Fletcher, master carver, that Walter Fletcher and Thos. Sprague declared to Phin. Pett to the same effect in his presence, and also another by Phin. Pett and Jos. Lawrence that Thos. Dry declared the same, and Wm. Marles informed Mr. Loton of it. [Copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 98.]

Certificate by Walter Fletcher and four others that they are resolved to affirm what they have set their hands to concerning Simon Bronsdon's certificate, so that it be the same as when they subscribed it. [Ibid. No. 99.]

Certificate by John Brooke, Wm. Rand, and Edw. Gregory that the master caulker having appealed to their remembrance of Mr. Pett's declaring in their presence of his qualifications and sufficiency for that employment, they, after serious reflection, do not remember having heard Pett express himself to that effect. With a further certificate by Edw. Gregory that since Bronsdon's admission as master caulker he has heard Pett speak very slightly of him in general terms, but never heard him instance any particular failure, relating either to his knowledge or diligence. With a note by Wm. Rand that on 25 Oct. Bronsdon came to Gregory's house, where he and Pett were, and desired the latter's signature to his petition, which was denied, but that he encouraged him to go to London, as he stood as fair for the employment as any one else that pretended to it. [Ibid. No. 100.]

April 5. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I send my affidavit concerning Simon Bronsden, also a certificate from some of the officers and foremen of the yard in whose presence the major part of those that signed the certificate for Bronsden's ability produced at Shipwrights' Hall denied the latter part of the certificate, concerning his ability, and owned only the former part, when a copy was read to them. I am informed that since Bronsden spoke with those who signed it, they deny what they declared before concerning their disowning the latter part. I cannot ascertain what is the cause of the sudden alteration, unless it is through fear of the Commissioner, or from Mr. Gregory's and Captain Brooke's sending for Marles and privately speaking with him about your Honours' order relating to Bronsden. I am informed that since Marles and Dry were examined by the officers, Bronsden met them and seemed to be angry with them for what they had formerly declared as to his inability as a caulker, and threatened them for it. I got the foreman to sign the storekeeper's book for the provisions issued out of Chatham Dock.

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store, being informed that Bronsden was suspended, but understanding since that he is not, I desire directions therein. I have no other motive in view than to benefit the service. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 101.] *Enclosed,*

Affidavit by Phineas Pett, by virtue of an order of the Navy Commissioners annexed, that in his opinion Simon Bronsden is unfit for the employment of master caulker, and that since the death of Mr. Bowdwell, late master caulker, he has never invited Bronsden to seek for such employment, and refused to sign his certificate. That as to declaring his insufficiency upon Commissioner Cox finding fault because some defective planks had been caulked in the Plymouth, which had afterwards to be pulled out, he admits that he did acquaint the Commissioner that it was the master caulker's fault, and that it was his duty to discover what was bad, and leave it uncaulked, and that he also declared his neglect or ill performance of his duty to Mr. Gregory, clerk of the cheque, and his insufficiency to Mr. Wilson, and several others. [2 pages. Ibid. No. 102.]

Another copy of the certificate of Laurence and others, calendered ante, p. 173. . [Ibid. No. 103.]

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Deptford.

Capt. John Tinker to Col. Thos. Middleton. A greater charge accrues by mooring yachts at Greenwich than at Deptford, as no sooner are they gone to sea than fishermen or others steal the bridles, so that on the return of the yachts they have to sweep for their gun moorings and take them up, and have to ride by their cables. If half a small chain was made to join with a like quantity here at a cost of 30*l.* or 35*l.* it would prevent all that, and we would have a mooring for three yachts, besides the command of their men when wanted for docking, launching, or other extraordinary work, and they would be as ready for service as now. The present charge of mooring them by their cables is at least 30*l.* a year each. Upon launching the *Dover*, we must lay out a new mooring of four cables for riding her and other ships, but a single chain of 100 fathoms might be made for 120*l.*, and laid out against the dock gates, which would serve for a head mooring for two or three ships at all times, and the charge would be saved in a year. Noted that Mr. Loader was ordered to prepare the chain for the yachts. [*Ibid.* No. 104.]

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Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. Upon receipt of the declaration and distribution for providing victuals for this year's service, I acquainted your Honours that it was impossible for us to provide victuals in proportion to such declaration, or to answer present occasions in harbour and at sea without having payments according to contract, and after frequent representations elsewhere we received 10,000*l.* on account of this year's service, although there is unpaid, of what was due and ordered for the last year, above 6,000*l.* If this had been made good in the first place, as it ought, you will easily judge that it is very short of what

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ought to be paid according to contract, and what the service for this year requires, without having respect to any extraordinary guards. By these means we have not only exceedingly suffered in losing the opportunities of providing and saving victuals in the most seasonable and cheapest times of the year, which is the only advantage to be expected by the contract, but the service is daily under manifold inconveniences for want of victuals, which we are not able to prevent without having payment as the contract directs, and you know that upon making it they were agreed on in such a manner as might be more easy for his Majesty's affairs than formerly. Notwithstanding all the discouragements and difficulties I and others have contended with, we have used our utmost endeavours to send some provisions for the present supply of the ships in the Downs, and should as readily comply with his Royal Highness's commands signified by your letter, and likewise with all other of his Majesty's present occasions for victuals, if we were in a capacity; but without those needful supplies of money which the contract provides for, we are not able to supply the ships any longer with victuals, either in harbour or at sea, nor discharge those foreign bills drawn on and accepted by us for the service, the want of punctual payment of which, you cannot but know, is a manifold mischief to the service, and the drawer, and acceptor. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 105.*]

April 5. Order by the Lord Lieutenant. Whereas since 21 April last
Dublin Castle. twelve months' pay to the Royal regiment and Horse Guards and fifteen months to the rest of the army has been issued from the Exchequer, ordering the officers commanding in chief each troop and company to summon the soldiers and clerks of each troop and company and examine whether the moneys issued have been duly answered, and the cause of any failure that has occurred, and to certify the result within one month. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 309, p. 284.*]

April 6. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Last week two Dutch merchant-
Portsmouth. men were cast away on the Isle of Wight. One sat whole, but the men forsook her, and in their boat were all drowned; only a dog was found alive on board. The other ship's company stayed on board and were all saved, but the ship soon split to pieces. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 22.*]

April 6. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. A vessel from Morlaix reports
Truro. that the French King has put an imposition of 18 per cent. on all Dutch commodities imported, and 15 on all exported thither, and that several ships are fitting at Brest for this summer's service. [*Ibid. No. 23.*]

April 6. Sir Thomas Lynch to Williamson. This afternoon we are all
Aboard the aboard and weighing. [*Ibid. No. 24.*]
Assistance
in the Downs.

April 6. Richard Watts to Williamson. About five men-of-war have
Deal. sailed, and all the merchantmen intend to do so next morning. [*Ibid. No. 25.*]

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April 6. Reference to the Archbishop of Canterbury of the petition of Dr. Thomas Hayes, desiring to be presented to the parsonage of Kibbworth, in Leicestershire. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33, p. 150.*]

April 6. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to Robert Robarts 1,000*l.* as of free gift. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 80.*]

Docquet thereof, dated the 8th. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 39.*]

April 6. Commissioner John Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I am
Portsmouth. informed by Mr. Gauden that the victuals for the *Tiger* will be ready within fourteen days. Thirty men and officers are entered on her, and I will get as many more as I can. We want some plank, as that bought of Mr. Benson would not be fit for present service if brought in, and I do not know of any that is well seasoned either in Hampshire or Sussex, except Mr. Cole's; when he was at Portsmouth a few days since I treated with him about it, but he would not name any price unless I could tell him in what time he would be paid after its delivery, as he did not understand payment in course. Divers of those who have brought in their goods upon contract for ready money, loudly complain for want of it, so I entreat they will be satisfied as soon as possible. The poor workmen, too, are very solicitous about their arrears, many of them being in great want; one or two quarters' pay would be a great relief to them, and a little more would pay off part of the pressed men, who may be spared in a few days. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 106.*]

April 6. Capt. John Lloyd to the Navy Commissioners. Being ordered to
Swallow, stay here, I have sent you three chests of Florence wine from
Downs. Sir Thos. Clutterbuck at Leghorn by the *Kitchen* yacht, and hope they will arrive safe. I ask that a pinnace and longboat be sent down, being in great want of them. [*Ibid. No. 107.*]

April 6. The same to the same. [A duplicate of the last, omitting the last
Swallow, clause.] [*Ibid. No. 108.*]
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April 6. Capt. Richard James to Mr. Ewers. Asking him to deliver what
Unicorn, tickets he can spare to George Nichols, who promises to forward
Chatham. them, as not being in a capacity to keep his men aboard, they take the liberty of going to London, and are pressed for want of them. [*Ibid. No. 109.*]

April 6. Capt. Roger Strickland to the Navy Commissioners. I gave from
Kent, Plymouth an account of my arrival and of the condition of the
Downs. ship, and having now but nine days' provisions on board, I ask for a supply to be ordered, and the carpenter's demand, enclosed, to be allowed, as the boats are very bad and out of repair. [*Ibid. No. 110.*]

Before
April 6. Petition of Thos. Lacy, workman for the twice-laid stuff, white oakum, lines, &c., in Woolwich Ropeyard, to the Navy Commissioners for the grant of an imprest of 70*l.* or 80*l.*, to be deducted out of what may be due to him at the end of the quarter, so as to enable him to stop the clamours of the most necessitous of his creditors, some of whom are hovering in London in expectation of their wages, so that he dare not show his face amongst them. By

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reason of the frequent demands from Deptford and Woolwich since last January, he has employed thirty people in dressing fine hemp, &c. but for want of stuff to work he has been forced to discharge five hemp-dressers and most of the others, who now want their money; and there is above 100*l.* due upon the said work, as will appear by a certificate annexed. Noted that a bill for 40*l.* was granted 6 April 1671. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 111.] *Enclosed,*

*The said certificate, dated 28 March, stating that 103*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* is due to Thos. Lacy for Lady Quarter.* [*Ibid.* No. 112.]

April 7. Rich. Watts to Williamson. The Straits fleet, with their convoy
Deal. sailed to-day. On report of the great army of the French passing daily for Flanders, and the flat-bottom boats, our people are startled and in fear. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 26.]

April 7. Resolution of what Mr. Speaker is to represent to his Majesty.
[*Printed in Commons' Journals IX.* 232. *Ibid.* No. 27.]

April 1-7. News-letter. [Parts identical with previous news-letters.]
6th.—Yesterday her Royal Highness's body was privately conveyed from St. James's to Westminster, and there deposited in state in the Painted Chamber, and about nine at night was most solemnly attended to the Abbey by her own, the King's, Queen's, and Duke's servants, all the nobility and gentry, and many members of the Parliament House, all in their blacks, guarded by two companies of foot, and finally interred in the Royal vault of King Henry VII.'s chapel, the ceremonies performed by the Bishop of Rochester as Dean of the Cathedral. Yesterday the Lord Chief Justice and the Lord Mayor attended his Majesty at the Council about their late dispute concerning Mr. Cole with their lawyers, and were ready to be called in, but his Majesty being informed that they were agreed, they were dismissed without further dispute.

7th.—Yesterday [according to the *Journals*, the 5th] the Bill to suppress seditious conventicles was read a first time in the Lords and put to the vote whether it should be read again, and was at last carried in the affirmative, though very hardly. His Majesty thinks of going next week to Newmarket again to be present at some horse races and other diversions there. Yesterday Sir Thomas Lynch and Sir Charles Wheeler, having long waited for a fair wind at Deal, sailed for their governments in the West Indies with a favourable gale. [*Ibid.* No. 28.]

April 7. The King to [the consul at Algiers]. Concerning Francis Baker, written in pursuance of the order of 29 March. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, f. 69.]

April 7. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. The *Triumph* will be
Chatham ready to launch the next spring tide but one; and finding several
Dock. planks bad in the *Victory*, I judge it will be convenient to dock her, as also the *Dunkirk* in the room of the *Ann*, which will be despatched out of dock after the *Triumph*. I ask directions, so that the master attendants may not be straitened for time in transporting and fitting them for the docks, and, as they lie uncaulked, they are liable to receive great damage by the weather. The house

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carpenters having completed their work as far as the head of the double dock, and the old wharfing there being so bad that it must be taken down, I suggest that the dock should be lengthened 16 or 17 feet at the head, they being very much straitened for room, and as the ground is now open, and the old wharf is to come down, it will be but a small extra charge, and will be very advantageous to the service in respect of room and the convenience to carts passing about the head of the dock with timber. [*1½ page. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 113.*]

April 7. Wm. Fownes to Sam. Pepys. I am to wait upon the Board to-morrow (as I suppose) about a complaint of the purser of the *Holmes* frigate. Not knowing what he may have urged, I beg you will understand that I did not believe the frigate was in the service until I heard she was paid off. When any of the King's ships or hired vessels come in, the clerk of the cheque at Deal meets and musters them, and sends a book to the clerk of the cheque at Gravesend, or the clerk at the latter place does so and sends a book to Woolwich, or the one there does so and sends it to the clerk at Deptford, and generally these three cheques meet with all the ships that come from the Downs to Deptford; but the *Holmes* was mustered by neither, and I had therefore neither a book nor any notice. The purser came to me for a warrant for harbour victuals, and, as I dared not grant it without an order from the Board, he promised to bring it; but, as I have not seen him since, I concluded the Board had refused it, and that the ship was not in the service. I thought I should have been commended for denying harbour victuals without an order, but since I am condemned for it, I desire pardon for the trouble given. [*Ibid. No. 114.*]

April 7. Two receipts by Nathaniel Doggett, surgeon of the *Revenge*, for
Port Mahon. 7*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* and 5*l.* received by order of Admiral Sir Edw. Spragg from Rich. Gibson, the first as his Majesty's free gift towards replenishing his medicine chest, and the second on account of wages due. [*Ibid. No. 115.*]

April 7. Edw. Homewood to the Navy Commissioners. Being absent when
Chatham the rest of the officers of the yard made their return respecting the
Dock. differences between the master shipwright and master caulker, I state that, to my knowledge, Pett has several times spoken of Brunsden's insufficiency, and I never heard that he ever invited him to look after the employment of master caulker; and all the persons who subscribed Brunsden's certificate for ability and fitness for the place have owned to and now stand to it except Nich. Tong and Jo. Adrall. I suppose Pett has given an account of what concerns himself. [*Ibid. No. 116.*]

April 7. Commissioner John Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. Nich.
Portsmouth. Clemans has a small parcel of timber to sell for ready money, and greatly complains of his disappointments for want of the money for timber already brought in upon contract for ready money, and divers others have been on the same account. Sir Thos. Littleton promised 600*l.* towards payment of 1,400*l.* or

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1,500*l.* due here on that account, and Mr. Ridge told me it should be paid as soon as he got the money. I advised him how to distribute it amongst the creditors, as, were those paid, I doubt not but payment in course would be accepted for matters of value, though necessity will sometimes plead for a little liberty of present money for petty matters, as brooms, baskets, candles, and thrums, by reason of the poverty of those that sell them. I am in treaty for a small number of elms to be felled near me this spring. As to the oaks of Col. Norton, he being in London I could get no price of them, but they promise to be very useful. I shall be glad to know what prospect there is of money for necessary occasions and to pay the yards, as the ordinary greatly complain for want of their necessary money, which, notwithstanding Sir Denis Gauden's promise to me and the Board, is not paid, nor any course taken about it. The men are now impatient, and desire that some have leave to go up to make their case known to his Majesty and his Royal Highness, as they now despair of redress by any other means. I ask you to write once more to Sir Denis Gauden on their behalf, as also to send a warrant for Mr. Steventon to enter men on the *Royal James*. The ropemaker, Hen. Roy, having been very importunate for the cordage Capt. Greene took from him, I, with the master attendant and ropemaker, took a view of it by opening the ends and comparing it with the twice-laid stuff made in the yard, and found it much the worst, and no doubt made out of old cordage, so I shall not order its delivery without your commands. I did not see Mr. Greene, but it is affirmed that he was induced to make the seizure from some kindness or reward he had of the Southampton ropemakers. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 117.]

April 7. John Mathews to Sam. Pepys. I received the packet for Sir
Cadiz. Hugh Cholmely, and delivered it to a servant of his here, who only stays for a wind to pass to Tangiers. [*Ibid.* No. 118.]

April 7-8. News-letter. [Part identical with the last, and *Fleming Calendar*, p. 77.]

8th.—It is memorable with what an universal zeal and affection the whole House conspired to make the term for which the duty on proceedings at law is to continue nine years (when the likely term would have otherwise been but six), in consideration of the debt his Majesty has ordered to be paid to the Prince of Orange, the great contest of the House being who should speak first and most in the exaltation of his Highness's person and the service done by his father and his house in the King's cause, and certainly it is not easily credible what tenderness of duty and affection his Highness has left behind him here. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 29.]

April 8. John Pocock to James Hicke. Hogsheads of wine have lately
Weymouth. been taken up between the Isle of Wight and Portland, supposed to have come from some Dutchmen lately lost on the Isle of Wight. On the 7th the *Hope* arrived from St. Malo. An express thither from Cadiz reports that there were lately cast away in Cadiz Bay

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twenty-five Dutch, French, and English ships. Great numbers of men are daily marching towards Picardy and Flanders. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, *No.* 30.]

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Menebilly.

T. Cope to Thos. Bales, near Wallingford House. There are still some corrupt humours lurking in some who are tainted with rebellion in the county. Nich. Warne, of St. Issey, a mongrel fellow between a farmer and a gentleman (for we are all allied to the Welsh, and as soon as the shell of poverty is off our heads we write ourselves gentleman, and if we can read and write, esquire), talking confidentially, said that he and his fellows, of which there were enough to do the work, would take off the branches first, and then have at the root. Lord Arlington and Secretary Trevor should know of this; I am willing to see the warrant for his appearance before the Council executed, and will send up the informers. In return for all your kindness, by the next vessel for the Freshwharf, London, you shall receive tin enough to find you dishes. [*Ibid.* *No.* 31.]

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Warrant of assistance in favour of Nicholas Orton, officer, and Benjamin Edwards, searcher, of the Eastland Company. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 199.]

April 8.
Wapping.

Sir Wm. Warren to the Navy Commissioners. Upon applying to you for the original bills of lading and invoices relating to the Hamburg loss, Mr. Poynter gave me the latter, but could not find the former amongst Sir John Mennes' papers. I delivered the invoices into the Admiralty Court, but I cannot make full proof without the original bills of lading. Masters have to sign three bills of the same tenor and date, one of which is usually sent in the ship, the second by post, and the third the factor keeps. Those sent by the ships were taken and burnt, but those by post I received and delivered to Sir John Mennes, who, it seems, has lost them. I have written to my factor at Hamburg for the third bills, and hope to have them from him, when I will effectually proceed in my proof, but I cannot do so before. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, *No.* 119.]

April 8.
Whitehall.

Commission to James Maitland, junior, as ensign of Colonel William Urry's foot company in the Earl of Linlithgow's regiment. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 1, *p.* 127.]

April 8.
Dublin.

Captain R. Fitzgerald to the Dowager Viscountess Ranelagh. I have lately heard the Council here represented something by way of answer to your late letter. I cannot believe anything can destroy my right and the strength of the King and Council's letter, obtained on mature advice and so often repeated. Even without the letters I had as good a title as law could give me to all my pay. I entreat you to make your son my friend in this. I enclose a new and late petition which my lord refused to keep or answer. Mr. Corker, who is indebted above 4,000*l.* to the King, offers me very good security for my debt if I can get the King's letter to have it allowed. [*1½ page. S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, *No.* 57.]

April 9.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, *No.* 32.]

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- April 9. Richard Watts to Williamson. Mr. Bagent, arrived to-day from Deal. the Barbadoes, says that a very great contagious distemper there (but not the pestilence) has swept away very many of the inhabitants, among them four London masters of ships and several seamen. It increased when he came away. Muscovado sugars were now at 3*d.* a pound, and scarce any to be got for money. They had an ordinary crop, and were beginning to make sugar when he came away. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 33.]
- April 10. Dr. Allan Pennington to Williamson. Repeating his former Chester. request for a mandate to the University of Cambridge to admit Andrew Mathews, formerly of St. John's College, to the degree of M.A., at the approaching commencement, and desiring to know if leave can be obtained to refine silver out of lead in North Wales, bringing the silver so refined to the King's goldsmith at the rate given in South Wales. [*Ibid.* No. 34.]
- April 10. Thos. Townsend to [Williamson?]. Concerning a mistake of the nineteenth for the eighteenth year of his Majesty's reign in a warrant sent therewith, whereby Mr. Wattson is excluded his livery at All Saints 1665. [*Ibid.* No. 35.]
- April 10. Dr. John Carr to Williamson. Requesting him to stop the grant Christ's College, of any reversion [of the Regius Professorship of Medicine] in Lord Cambridge. Arlington's office, and beseeching him, if possible, for he will contrive a resignation from Dr. Glisson, to get him the King's hand for it, and he will presently come up, or the bearer of this shall have a bill of exchange for money to satisfy fully. [*Ibid.* No. 36.]
- April 4-10. News-letter. [Parts identical with previous news-letters.]
 4th.—The Prince of Orange, our Dutch letters say, is somewhat indisposed with an ague, and a swelling in one of his cheeks.
 10th.—Last Saturday night Dr. Floyd, Prebendary of Windsor, and chaplain to the King, was found suddenly dead on his bed at Kentish Town. This evening, by order of the Lords of the Treasury, a general bidding was intended for the County Excise, but was prevented, the King having let it before to the old farmers. [*Ibid.* No. 37.]
- April 5-8. News-letter. [Most of it identical with previous ones.] 5th.—The Court, on the death of the Duchess of York, are entered into solemn mourning, in which they may continue some months. The great noise at present is of the vast fleet the French intend to have for this summer's diversion before Dunkirk. A list come to hand says there are 105 stout men-of-war, carrying 5,374 cannons, 82,740 men, ready to sail. [*Ibid.* No. 38.]
- April 6-11. Two news-letters. [Identical with previous letters.] [*Ibid.* Nos. 39, 40.]
- April 10. The King to the University of Cambridge. Directing them to admit John Fryer to the degree of M.B., notwithstanding his not having resided the necessary time. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, f. 165.]

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 April 10. Grant to John Saumarez, Dean of Guernsey, of a canonry at Windsor, *vice* Dr. John Floyd, deceased. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 13.*]
- April. Docquet thereof. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 41.*]
- April 10. R. Waith to the Navy Commissioners. On examining Lord Anglesea's account I find three bills mentioned were passed to account by Mr. Fenn in October 1668, the respective parties' receipts to such bills being—to Rob. Page for 10*l.*; Rich. Miller for 6*l.*; and Fras. Searles for 5*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 120.*]
- April 10. M. Wren to the Navy Commissioners. Asking them to attend his Royal Highness at St. James's to-morrow morning between 8 and 9 o'clock. [*Ibid. No. 121.*]
- April 10. Ann Harper to the Navy Commissioners. I never heard of his
 Deptford. Royal Highness's order, but petitioned him myself last spring for payment of my husband's salary, and received an answer that there was no money. I asked that I might remain in the house in the yard until it was paid, which was permitted; but it is not convenient to me to live here, and, if I had my money, I would gladly quit the house; but if I cannot, after so much expense and attendance, your Honours must have a little patience for the house. Who could have thought I would have been kept two years and a half without it, when 200*l.* was given for the place, and my charge was so great to maintain it? His Royal Highness permitted me to have the house for the 300*l.* I have in bills, which would find me a better. If you will speak to the Treasurer that I may have my money, I will quit according to your order, and be thankful to go. I never had one penny of the money disbursed by my husband by your command, and as I am prevented from attending through indisposition, I beg your consideration of it. [*Ibid. No. 122.*]
- April 10. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Ordering him to cause Sir Maurice Eustace to be sworn of the Privy Council in Ireland. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 34.*]
- April 11. Dr. Peter Mews to Williamson. I am sorry I might not have so
 Oxford. much credit with Sir John as to believe that there are several occasions for post horses from here to London, and thence hither. I hoped Oxford had been as worthy his kindness as Abingdon. I hope at any rate more care may be had of the security and speed of our letters, which sometimes are carried to Gloucester, and several of my own to our Chancellor and others have never come to their hands, and sometimes a fortnight after. Dr. Lamplugh puts me in hope of seeing you speedily. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 41.*]
- April 10-11. News-letter. [Part identical with previous ones.] 11th.—Letters from Holland say that the Prince of Orange has returned to the Hague, and the States are about settling on him a yearly pension of about 25,000 guilders. In Westphalia things continue in one

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posture, and the Bishop of Münster has lately offered the Dukes of Lunenburg to agree with them on their own terms, provided they do not afterwards assist Holland, but they have not accepted. Their fleet is almost ready to put to sea, composed of their best and stoutest ships. The Elector of Cologne continues to press very earnestly for the restitution of Rheinberg. The King has put off his intended journey to Newmarket, and has ordered twelve companies to march suddenly into Kent, to be quartered on the sea coast, that nothing may be left open to the eye of the French King, who intends so suddenly to be at Dunkirk with so vast an army. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 42.*]

April 11. Dr. John Carr to Williamson. Repeating his request that the
Christ's College, grant of the reversion of the Professorship of Physic be hindered.
Cambridge. Is confined to his room by a tertian, or would have come up himself.
[*Ibid. No. 43.*]

April 11. Deposition by John Noore, master of the *Oak* of London. When
Cowes Castle. he left Barbadoes on 17 February divers people were taken with a
pain in their head and back, and in five or six days they either
died or recovered. Many men died of it, but very few women.
Negroes died, as well as white people. It was not thought to be
the plague. [*Ibid. No. 44.*]

April 11. Grants of pardons to the Duke of Monmouth and Edward Griffin
respectively in the same words, *mutatis mutandis*, as that to the
Duke of Albemarle of 23 March (*ante, p. 142*). Minutes. [*S.P. Dom.,
Entry Book 34, f. 80.*]

April 11. Warrant for a similar pardon to Robert Constable, Viscount
Dunbar in Scotland, Peter Savage, and John Fennicke, adding that
they stand indicted of the felonious murder of the said Peter
Virnill by inquisition taken before the coroner of Middlesex.
[*Ibid.*]

April. Docquets of the said three pardons. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, Nos. 47,
48, 49.*]

April 11. Warrant for a similar pardon to James Annesley, commonly
called Lord Annesley, and Charles Orby. [*S.P. Dom., Entry
Book 28, f. 49.*]

April 11. Peter Bronsdon to the Navy Commissioners. I gave an account of
Cork. Sir Wm. Petty's woods near Killmar River, since which he has gone
for London without leaving any orders with his steward about dis-
posing of the timber, but I believe he will speak with you about it
when he arrives; and if you will deal with him, his Majesty may
be supplied with 2,000 tons of as good as any I have seen in
Ireland, and at about 13s. per ton, although his steward says 18s.,
delivered at the river side. The sea carriage will be nearly 30s. per
ton. I think there cannot be above 1,000 tons hewed and drawn to
the water side in one summer, but I shall leave that to Sir William,
as, being all his tenants, he can command that part of the country
at his pleasure. Three hundred loads were offered by another
person, who afterwards sold his wood. The purchaser declines to

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agree to it, thinking he shall not get the carriage done at a sufficient rate to get anything by it, and that it is impossible to draw such crooked timber, but promises to think about it. I am going to the Shelela Woods, belonging to Lord Strafford, in the county of Wexford, and will send an account. Sir Frecheville Hollis's concerns proceed but slowly on account of the wet weather, but I hope they will have a change, so that 200 tons may be at Cork by the end of the month. I received your letter with the scantlings and the bill for 50*l*. The latter I have sent to Dublin, and hope it will be accepted there and paid at Cork. Sir Frecheville sent to Sir Richard Kyrle to pay me 50*l*., upon receipt of which I am to give your Honours an account. I am sorry you are displeased with me, as I am not guilty of what Sir Richard wrote to Sir Frecheville, who now admits that it was a mistake, but I suppose he was troubled because his compass timber, as they call it, which is 7 or 8 feet long and 6 inches broad, was not accepted; and it is a great mistake that I refused to have any of his timber which was under two tons a piece. I have since better satisfied Sir Frecheville as to what he demanded, but Sir Richard still says the scantlings are large and it will be very troublesome to find such timber, which is not so plentiful here as was reported in England. It generally proves very small, as all the large has been spoiled by the brogue-makers, who have stripped off the bark three or four feet from the root, which has caused the trees to decay as they stand; and what they leave is cut down and converted into barrel staves, so that, between the brogue-maker and the barrel staves, most of the best woods in Ireland are destroyed. Sir Wm. Petty's is the clearest of the brogue-maker of any I have seen, because, as I think, the place is so rocky and bare that it will hardly maintain people enough to keep a brogue-maker employed. I desire my letters may be directed to Robert Alin at Cork. [1 $\frac{1}{4}$ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 123.]

April 11. The King to the Lord Lieutenant and Council. After reciting the letters of 28 January and 20 March calendared *ante*, p. 54 and p. 138, approving of their proceedings, and directing that Sir Daniel Bellingham and Edward Corker be continued in custody as aforesaid till one or both of them shall have secured the said sum of 19,491*l*. 5*s*. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d*. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 35.*]

April 12. Thomas Holden to Williamson. Shipping news. The *Blessing*,
Falmouth. from Kinsale, says there is very bad trading there. They being laden with salt, for want of sale were forced to bring it back; yet all the country is in a quiet, peaceable condition. Yesterday there was much shooting at sea heard. A vessel that came in to-day says it is the fleet bound for Jamaica and the Barbadoes. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 45.]

April 12. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. To the same purport as the
Falmouth. last. [*Ibid.* No. 46.]

April 12. Caveat in favour of Mr. Williamson that nothing pass of the
rectory of Dogmersfield, co. Hants. Marked "Whelpdale." [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 32, p. 12.*]

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- April 12. Warrant to the Attorney-General to prepare an Act of General Pardon to be sent to the two Houses of Parliament. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 81.*]
- April 12. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Authorising him not only to stop all process against Roger, Earl of Orrery, for the year's value charged on his estate by the Act of Settlement, but also to cause the Receivers to give him a receipt of all the year's value charged on him as well within the City of Limerick as elsewhere, not exceeding 900*l.*, as a free gift, and directing the repayment of any part thereof paid by him. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 37, and S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 58.*]
- April 12. Draft thereof, slightly differing. [*Ibid. No. 59.*]
- [April ?] Rebecca Lucia, relict of William Loving, late Envoy to the King of Denmark, who was drowned on his way thither, to the King. Petition praying for payment of what is due to her husband for his equipage and allowance, stated in an annexed account to be 690*l.* At foot,
- April 13. Reference thereof to the Commissioners of the Treasury. On back,
- April 27. Note for a privy seal to pay her his extraordinaries and allowance. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 47.*]
- April 13. Memorandum of the above petition and reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33, p. 153.*]
- April 13. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of Portsmouth. news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 48.*]
- April 13. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. On Tuesday morning a great Truro. fleet passed the Lizard, supposed to be the rest of our Straits fleet. A vessel from Croisic reports that the French are busily employed in fitting out their men-of-war. [*Ibid. No. 49.*]
- April 13. Caveat in favour of Sir G. Talbot that no charter pass for the Corporation of Devizes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 32, p. 12.*]
- April 13. Commission for Sir Francis Leeke to be captain of a company of foot to be raised. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35A, f. 22.*]
- April 13. Commissions for Francis and Clifton Leeke to be lieutenant and ensign respectively in Sir Francis Leeke's company. [*Ibid.*]
- April 13. B. Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. Sending a bill for 291*l.* 7*s.* 11*d.* drawn by Sir Thos. Clutterbuck upon them, and payable two months after date to Bartholomew Forne, and asking that it may be accepted, as his account is sufficient to satisfy it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 124.*]
- April 13. Thos. Pointer to Sam. Pepys. When in the lowest condition, and Ratcliff. worse than nothing, you raised me from the dunghill, in which condition, through your bounty, I continued for several years; but having lately laid out nearly 480*l.* for the service and had nothing but bills and tickets in return, and having also got into debt through fitting up a house and paying the fine for it, my creditors

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often came clamouring, which has been the only occasion of my being absent many times from the office. I am afraid that some people have been instrumental in my not receiving my money from the Treasury, as they knew my creditors would clamour, and thereby not only bring disgrace upon me, but cause me to shun the office, whereby they would gain an advantage. Although they have attained their desired end, I hope it is not so far gone but that my utter ruin may be prevented, and I beg you will have compassion upon me and endeavour to mitigate Sir Thos. Allen's just displeasure, and I will engage to a resolution of thorough amendment and a stricter compliance of whatever commands are laid upon me. As there are several papers of concernment lying unfinished which it would be very troublesome for any other person to understand, I ask, even if not re-admitted, to be allowed to finish them. A list of the books and papers in the office would be necessary. I have written to Lord Brouncker. One word from you will be of great prevalency with him. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 125.]

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Southampton.

Capt. Edmond Greene to the Navy Commissioners. I thank you for procuring the Duke of York's warrant by order from his Majesty, for the better enabling me to prevent naval stores being embezzled. Concerning the 1,000 lbs. weight of twice-laid cordage seized from Alderman Standley, all the ropers and others of the town judge it was only unravelled to take out the King's mark. I leave it to your Honours to consider how a tradesman could afford to sell such goods for 15s. and 16s. per cwt. and thrive on it, which was the price the seller confessed and the Alderman said he gave for it. I cut off patterns from every coil of the cordage and showed them to several of the ropemakers of the town, who all concluded that the stuff was new and that they could not afford any such under 29s., only it being unravelled and twice-laid made it the worse for sale. I went to Mr. Peachy, clerk of the ropery, and gave him advice of it, who promised I should hear from him. Having patiently waited some time without doing so, I crave your advice, as there is a great quantity of it frequently coming to Hampton; I have seen men shake their heads and cry shame of it and confess that there must be a very great abuse in the business. I hope my proceedings may be the means of preventing the abuses of some others for the future, and prove to his Majesty's advantage and profit. I doubt not that I shall have your encouragement. I seized a Flemish anchor of 14 or 15 cwt. in a Cowes hoy, which had been sold by Matthew Phripp of Cowes to Mr. Richbell of Southampton. Though without the King's mark, I suspected it to be his Majesty's, because they had a certificate from the custom house at Cowes for other goods on board, but none for the anchor, and because they landed it at a very unreasonable time of the night, and moreover being informed by Thos. Andrews of Cowes that Phripp being ensign to a company there, it was his custom, when any manner of ware was brought in any Dutch prizes, to make a false alarm and then take a select company and get what he could; and at one time Andrews saw him take out of a prize some iron-bound chests filled with goods, and at another time three large anchors. When Phripp

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heard I had seized the anchor he came to me and promised it should not be moved or meddled with until he had proved by sufficient oaths that it never was the King's, and agreed, in case he did so, that the next morning it should be weighed, and he bargained with two men for doing it, and I and my fellow officer were to be the judges between Phripp and the merchant; instead of which, Phripp, with his confederates, hired the crane man at eleven or twelve at night, and carried it away and will give no account of it, although I have sent several times to him and went to Cowes to treat with him, when he absconded, and would not be seen. I had a dispute once with Phripp before the King and Council for misdemeanours, which he paid soundly for, and have a copy of his submission. I told him of this, when he said he had still 100*l.* to spend, which I believe, but hope they were honestly come by. I ask advice what to do in each case. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 126.]

April 14. Richard Watts to Williamson. The coxswain of Sir John
Deal. Harman's boat sent ashore to-day reports that two vessels, which came in in the storm yesterday, were Dutch, bound for France, but as soon as out another vessel was sent after them advising them not to go for France, for the French had taken several Dutch and two English vessels, and that Sir John had ordered the *Swallow* and *Reserve* to go out cruising. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 50.]

April 14. Deering Blackburn to James Hickes. Shipping news. The
Plymouth. *Industry* just arrived from James River in Virginia reports tobacco to be scarce. [*Ibid.* No. 51.]

April 14. Sir Edw. Hales to Williamson. Requesting advice and assistance to
Chart, Kent. obtain for his son Charles the King's *mandamus* for a fellowship of All Souls, as having undertaken it he would not be baffled, being as loyal as in 1648, but not in the same power and credit; having had then some thousands in ready money, now none, which is what gives life and courage to the soldier. [*Ibid.* No. 52.]

April 14. Samuel Finnes to Thomas Raban, Holborn Court, Gray's Inn.
Coventry. Enclosing his half-year's fee, and requesting that a rental of the spiritualities in Northamptonshire payable at Lady Day be sent. [*Ibid.* No. 53.]

April 14. Privy seal for 1,500*l.* to Peter Prideaux out of the fee farm
rents as of free gift. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 80.]

April. Docquet thereof. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 51.]

April 14. Warrant to prepare a grant and confirmation of the Farm House
in Chelsea and the wharf there, to John Snell and Richard Newman, who derived title through Peter Rowsan, the surviving trustee of Adriana, daughter of Sir Theodore de Mayerne, who had been found by inquisition to be an alien. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 81.]

April. Docquet of the said grant. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 40.]

April 14. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. The
Chatham. brasses for pumps and the copper funnel, &c., may be had here,

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as also the candles demanded in a paper enclosed, but some money, if only 200*l.*, must be imprested to pay for the candles and for other small necessaries much wanted, otherwise the workmen will be at a stand for want of compass timber and knees for the *Antelope*. I had a parcel of knees tendered, but the owner will not part with them without ready money, though I have endeavoured to get him to accept payment in course. I am informed by the master shipwright that the *Triumph* will be ready to launch the next spring tide, and he desires the *Victory* may be docked in her room, notwithstanding the *Lion* was formerly appointed by his approbation, and in order thereunto her ballast was all hove out and her mast removed, being defective, and I hoped she might have been in the dock ere this, if the *Triumph* had not been kept so long in hand. I fear if she lies much longer with such little ballast that she will receive wrong. The *Victory* has so much ballast and other things on board that I question if she can be made fit to dock by the next tide, though the shipwright tells me she will be despatched in one spring tide, but his one or two springs are commonly two or three months. For example, the *Henry* and *Triumph* have been five months in dock, so that after that rate the other great ships may be repaired a year and a half hence. I think the *Dunkirk* may be fitting to dock after the *Ann*, but I question if the latter will be despatched so soon as the shipwright has promised, as it is common for him to say ships are finished and ready to launch and yet when afloat twenty men are employed on board from a fortnight to a month to make an end of the finishing as he calls it. I understand the shipwright has acquainted you of the necessity for lengthening the double dock 16 or 17 feet, which I have often discoursed with him about, but I directed him to give the necessity for it under his hand, that I might acquaint your Honours, but after three months and more he has acquainted you without consulting me. I ask your pleasure about it, and whether it might not have been sooner done, and not that disrespect shown me in this and other things; if he be suffered to proceed in this manner I shall have little encouragement in my station, which I pray you will consider of, as I am not the first he has dealt so unhandsomely with. I send a letter received from Mr. Gregory the day before he left London, which I showed to Lord Brouncker, by which you will see how adverse he is to anything I command him to do, and desire that as one of your number, although not at the Board, I may have your sense and assistance in these abuses, as in affording it to me you afford it to yourselves. Mr. Smith, the blockmaker, has delivered 100 dozen of blocks, and desires a bill for them. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 127.] *Enclosed,*

April 10.
Chatham.

Edw. Gregory to Commissioner John Cox. Upon receipt of Mr. Pett's note for the allowance of two extra tides to several of the men for shutting the gates of the double dock upon the Antelope and Ann, I waited on you about it, when you directed me not to do so until Pett certified the hours the men worked; but I could not prevail with him to do it—

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first, because he was not abroad himself at the time, and so knew nothing of their coming or going; secondly, that however little or long the time was that the men were about it, the performance of such a service merited that reward at least; and thirdly, that it was not his business to keep such time, which was a new thing and was never required or practised before. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 128.]

April 14. Order in Council that Lord Arlington prepare for the King's signature a letter to the Lord Lieutenant, ordering the present payment of 500*l.* to the sovereign of Kinsale for the time being, Robert Southwell, Vice-Admiral of Munster, and Capt. Rich. Rooth, Governor of the fort of Kinsale, to be laid out in removing sand-banks in Kinsale Harbour. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 59.*]

April 15. Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. Two ships, arrived the 12th
Lyme. in four days from Croisic, met a fleet of upwards of twenty Dutch merchantmen homeward bound with a convoy of two or three men-of-war, and also some of our own bound for Jamaica and Barbadoes, and off the Start a single French man-of-war of about 40 or 50 guns. A fleet of 50 sail or upwards was at Brest, Charente, and other ports ready for sea, and two or three hundred seamen posted thence to those places. The King would begin his progress the latter end of the month, and a considerable force with him, but intended nothing but peace with his neighbours. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 54.*]

April 15. Warrant by Roger Otes, sheriff of Monmouthshire, for the commitment to Usk gaol of William Harris, jun., the defendant in an action brought by Richard Probert. [*Law Latin. Copy. Ibid. No. 55.*]

April 15. Order to William Rolleston, major of the regiment of Foot Guards, to take command of the twelve companies ordered to Rochester, and instructions to him to see to their quarters, to inspect the batteries between Rochester and Gillingham, to confer with the Commissioner of the Navy at Chatham for securing the shipping there should any foreign fleet come that way, and in case any foreign fleet be reported on the coast that the lieutenant and deputy-lieutenants shall assemble the trained bands of Kent at Rochester. [*Nearly 2 pages. Copy. There is a second copy of one instruction. Ibid. Nos. 56, 57.*]

April 15. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Commissioners. Asking an order for
Woolwich. going in hand with the *Bristol*, as, notwithstanding the works on the *Ruby* and putting on a false keel, which was not taken notice of by anyone else but himself since she came into the dock, he will spare upwards of thirty hands; also whether the *Ruby* is to be sheathed while in dock, and whether they will allow any carved work about the upper tier of ports, and repeating his demand for elm timber, oakum, ironwork, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 129.*]

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 April 15. Robert Mayor to [the Navy Commissioners]. Asking for a warrant to Deptford for receiving from Edw. Buckley a piece of oak timber of 158 feet and another of elm of 115 feet. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 130.]
- April 16. James Blackburne to James Hickes. Shipping news. [*S.P. Plymouth. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 58.]
- April 16. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Tiger* is ready to sail, only Portsmouth. waiting for sailing orders. An order is come for two foot companies to march from this garrison to Dover, and a suitable recruit to be added to the remaining companies. [*Ibid.* No. 59.]
- April 16. Andrew Jenoure to Sir James Altham, K.B. I would have Bygott. waited on Mr. Justice Morton had I not been pre-engaged to Lord Warwick on my return from the assizes, and also to Lord Maynard. I know this Newton to be as a deboished, a rude and base knave as any in England, and in his drink he cares not whom he reviles, and is a very desperate fellow, not fitting to live in civil society. [*Ibid.* No. 60.] *Enclosed,*
- Jan. 12. *Information of Richard Page, of Pleshie. About a twelve-month since he heard Henry Newington, a blacksmith, say that the King had none but sons of whores and bastards belonging to him, and that he should not reign two years longer, and after him should never any King reign any more in England.*
- Information of John Dore, servant to Sir Henry Clearke. At the same time he heard the said Newington say this government should last but two years, and that the King was a Papist and a rogue, and had none but whores and rogues and bastards belonging to him, and moreover that the money given to the King was to maintain whores and knaves. Endorsed, "Informations from Judge Morton."* [*Ibid.* No. 60I.]
- April 16. Col Thos. Middleton to the Navy Commissioners. Believing the *Nonsuch* was coming up the river, I only ordered her an anchor and some cables and sails, which have been sent, but I have since given order for sending away the things mentioned. I have no long boat fit for her in store, but the boatmaker has one if you will give an order to buy it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 131.]
- April 16. Capt. Roger Strickland to the Navy Commissioners. The provisions have not yet arrived, but as the wind has blown so hard Kent, easterly these four or five days, I presume the victuallers could not Downs. budge. I send the boatswain's and gunner's demands that you may know what will be wanted if there should be occasion for me either to stay out or go abroad. I am also badly sailed, having lost my main, fore, and mizen sails, in the Gulf of Lions. Sir Edw. Spragg also took from us at Cadiz 100 shot, 80 bars of iron, 20 barrels of powder, and twelve able seamen. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 132.]

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 April 16. Warrant to the Commissioners for the office of Earl-Marshal to create John Gibbon into the office of Bluemantle Pursuivant. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 34, f. 82.]
- April 17. John Carlile to Williamson. I shall daily send the news hence to Mr. Ball, and not trouble you, unless there is anything extraordinary. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 289, No. 61.]
- April 17. Examinations of Robert Mathews and John Kitt concerning a fight between John Carter, son-in-law to Captain Lanyon, and a seaman on one side, and Adam Grills and John Sand, soldiers, on the other, and certificate by Henry Goulding, lieutenant to Capt. Pomeroy, of the very uncivil behaviour of the said John Carter to himself and other officers on whom he had intruded himself. [*Ibid.* No. 62.]
- April 17. John [Cosin], Bishop of Durham, to [Lord Arlington]. Praying him to signify the King's consent to his nomination of Sir George Vane as a deputy-lieutenant of the County Palatine. [*Ibid.* No. 63.]
- April 17. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. The *St. George* from Charente Falmouth. says the King of France has forty great men-of-war riding there ready for sea, the general report says, some for the East and West Indies and some for the Straits, but others that they are all for Dunkirk to meet the King there. Orders are said to have come overland to hasten away all Dutchmen out of the French ports. [*Ibid.* No. 64.]
- April 17. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. No news at present. [*Ibid.* Truro. No. 65.]
- April 17. Warrant to the Attorney-General to prepare a bill granting to Sir Thomas Rowe of Swatford in Oxfordshire the real and personal estate of Thomas Watts, late of the City of London, Crewell seller, forfeited for *felo de se*. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 25, f. 199.]
- April 17. Reference to Sir Thomas Chicheley, Master of the Ordnance, of the petition of Sir Robert Byron, Master of the Ordnance in Ireland, desiring the King's letter to the Lord Lieutenant to order the Commissioners of his accounts to pass and allow the account of several sums received by him. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 33, p. 151.]
- April 17. Sir George Downing to Samuel Pepys. The Treasury Commissioners having considered your letter about the difference between his Majesty and the East India Company, concerning the freight of the *Leopard*, desire you will again meet Sir John Banks, or whom else the Governor shall appoint, and make a state of the whole matter, and then that you and someone appointed by the Company should attend the Attorney-General, who will hear the whole business and report to the Treasury. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 297, No. 133.]
- April 18. James Blackborne to James Hickes. Two Indiamen arrived Plymouth. yesterday morning, the *Ann* and the *Loyal Merchant*, from Bantam, laden with pepper. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 289, No. 66.]

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 April 18. Affidavit of Francis Cooke, late servant to Edward Smith, that he saw a petition signed (as pretended) by the King at the bottom, pretending that no other is to follow the same employment but himself, by virtue of the said grant or petition. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 67.]
- [April ?] Sam. Everard, second priest and teacher of grammar, and the poor men of the Corporation of the Almshouse of Ewelme, Oxford, to the King, their visitor. Petition praying a reference to the examination of eminent persons of the University or the neighbouring gentry concerning the lamentable oppressions practised on them by Dr. James Hyde, present Master, who has illtreated the said Samuel Everard, laid aside two of the three treasurers, conveyed the stock of money to his own lodgings at Oxford ten miles off, kept back the poor men's allowances six or seven weeks, compelled them, under pain of losing their places, to pass wasteful and burdensome accounts, &c. [*Ibid.* No. 68.]
- April 18. Reference of the above petition to the Lord Keeper, that he may appoint Commissioners accordingly. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, p. 154.]
- [April ?] Order on his report for a commission to the Bishop of Oxford, Dr. Peter Mews, Vice-Chancellor, and eight others to examine into and rectify the said abuses. [*Draft. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 69.]
- April 18. Commission to Edward Pickett as lieutenant in the King's own foot company in the Guards. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 29, p. 53.]
- April 18. Approbation of Sir R. Shirley, Sir F. Roads, Sir R. Cooke, William Fitzherbert, and John Shallcrosse, as deputy-lieutenants for Derbyshire. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 35A, f. 22.]
- April 18. Sir John Harman to the Navy Commissioners. The only
St. David, account I can give of the *Orange* fireship is that she left
Downs. Leghorn with me, my convoy, and the *Dartmouth*, on 15 December, and we kept together until the 21st, when the night proved so violent a storm that I seldom saw a worse, and I never heard of her afterwards, but what I heard from the company of the *Dartmouth*, who said that about three or four in the morning the *Orange* fired many guns and put before the wind, which was N.N.W., and was soon out of sight. We were at the time about 30 leagues N.E. from Minorca, and I then hoped she might have got Callary (Cagliari) upon Sardinia, but then she would have been heard of ere this. Three weeks after we lost company the Dutch convoy arrived at Alicant, who reported they saw a wreck not far from the before-mentioned place, so I fear no more will be heard of her. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 134.]
- April 18. Contract by Mark Edwards of Chatham, tallow Chandler, with Commissioner John Cox, to deliver into the stores there 100 dozen of tallow candles at 4s. 9d. per dozen, to be paid for upon producing his bill. [*Copy. Ibid.* No. 135.]

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Newcastle,
Leghorn.

Capt. Anthony Langston to the Navy Commissioners. I am at last despatched out of this tedious port, having completed three months' victuals and set a new mainmast. Sir T. Clutterbuck wrote to Genoa that I should be despatched without delay, but I have not found it so, as I was here a fortnight before he could procure our beef to be killed, and all the rest of the provisions came at an equally slow rate, but to prevent our staying for the provisions he kept the mast ten days before we could have it to work upon. I have had more sickness since coming here than I ever had in my life, which made me once believe I should lay my bones here, but I have recovered much these four days. Sir Edward Spragg has ere this sailed from Port Mahon for Algiers. I shall be after him as soon as possible. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 136.*]

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The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for payment to Richard, Earl of Burlington and Cork, of 1,500*l.*, which by the decree dated 1 Jan. 1669, of the late Commissioners for executing the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, was adjudged as due out of the arrears of rents and the securities belonging to the '49 officers, in pursuance of Clause 198 of the said Act of Explanation in compensation of several lands and houses in the town and liberties of Youghal which have been since evicted from him. [2 pages. *Draft or Copy. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 60.*]

April 19.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. The *St. George*, arrived the 14th in eight days from Charente, says that the day they came away M. Colbert came to Rochfort to hasten the finishing the new ships on the stocks. About 1,000 guns were shot at his coming. They are working day and night to make ready the fleet lying there—thirty or forty great men-of-war from 50 to 80 guns; as soon as one or two are ready they put to sea. They took up several hogsheads of wreck wine at sea. A flyboat came here on Sunday from the Downs, where the captain received a letter from his owners ordering him not to go to France, where he was bound, and to come here till further order, for they were informed the French Ambassador was recalled, and also the English and Dutch. They spoke with several Dutch advice boats, that had orders to give notice to all Dutchmen to come into any English ports and to hasten away any they find in France. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 70.*]

April 19.
Winchester
Street.

Dr. Thomas Vyner to Williamson. Concerning one Clement, committed to Gloucester Gaol, with a paper enclosed from the Bishop of Gloucester, giving a true account of the person. [*Ibid. No. 71.*] *Enclosed,*

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Bishop of Gloucester's certificate concerning Walter Clemens. He has given counsel and encouragement to the Anabaptists and Quakers in Gloucestershire and the adjoining counties, and by his counsel some legally prosecuted have escaped the law after just imprisonment. There is little done in Gloucestershire in which he is not a chief agent,

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and he studies to evade the laws. He was seized at Gloucester, and because it was not easy otherwise to reach him he was offered the oath of allegiance, and refusing to take it was committed to prison by two justices, Sir B. Throckmorton and Mr. Bathurst. Under a pretence of a habeas corpus he got to London, but never appeared at the King's Bench. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 711.*]

April 19.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Here is a very scandalous and rebellious paper, expressly speaking against the actions of his most sacred Majesty, pretended to be delivered to the King the 7th day of the 12th month, as she calls it. These Romish juggles are brought forth by foolish Quakers. It is subscribed by one Elizabeth Bodely, and justified by the Quaker to be delivered to his Majesty's own hand. If possible I will send you a copy, but it is so full of venom that no subject can read it without a trembling spirit. This morning the Deputy-Governor of Dover Castle came with the Master of the Ordnance from the Tower to see the stores of the castles, which they will find very small, not enough for one hour's fight. I am confident none durst presume to deliver such a wicked piece, and a small trouble might bring the author to condign punishment, and discover to the world what liars the Quakers are. [*Ibid. No. 72.*]

April 19.
Vicuallling
Office.

B. Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. Asking them to accept and make payment of two bills of exchange drawn by Sir Thos. Clutterbuck, one payable to Franc. Milanez for 230*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.*, and the other to Jasper Clutterbuck for 1,000*l.* Noted that they were signed by the Navy Board on the 22nd. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 137.*]

April 20.

Commission to William Innes as lieutenant in Stradling's foot company of the regiment of Guards, commanded by Col. John Russell, in garrison at Berwick. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 29, p. 54.*]

April 20.
Chatham.

Edw. Gregory to the Navy Commissioners. Having received two bills of imprest amounting to 500*l.* for payment of board wages and such other uses as Commissioner Cox shall direct, and you having thought it unreasonable that I should be at any hazard in transporting the money to Chatham, I desire you will give order for its payment here, as well as of any other money that may hereafter be imprested to me, and I will give a receipt for it, and obey any commands received as to its disposal. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 138.*]

April 20.

Abstract of the examination of Mr. Laurence, Melchior Reynolds Wm. Baynard, Thos. Fletcher. Mr. Loton, Augustine Weed, and ——— Fletcher, before the Navy Commissioners, at the Hill House Chatham, touching the appointment of Simon Brunsdon as master caulker there. They admit what Marles, Fletcher, Sprague, and Clarke said touching the certificate they signed for Brunsdon, and believe he is not fit for the employment, or for a shipwright's, mastmaker's, or caulker's place, and that without able foremen he

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would not have been able to have performed his duty. Weed being at Mother Hartley's house heard Brunsdon declare that he had been put into an employment he did not understand, but doubted not that in a year or two he should understand it as well as the best of them, and Fletcher being at the Globe Tavern heard him say the same, and that his cousin put him into the place. [3 pages. Copy. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 139.] *Annexed,*

April 20. Questions proposed by Commissioner Tippetts and Capt. Deane to Simon Brunsdon at Chatham to test his efficiency for the master caulker's place. [Partly in shorthand. 1½ page. *Ibid.* No. 140.]

April 20. Estimate by Roger Carter of the charge for masons' and other work required to be done to the master caulker's and builder's assistants' houses at Portsmouth, amounting to 43*l.* [*Ibid.* No. 141.]

April 20. Similar estimate by John Voake for timber, iron, and carpenters' work, required for the same purpose, amounting to 89*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* [*Ibid.* No. 142.]

April 21. James Blackborne to James Hickes. Yesterday came in Capt. Plymouth. Eliott of the *Reserve* to fetch away two companies of foot, which, as soon as the wind proves fair, are to be conveyed to Rochester. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 73.]

April 21. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Yesterday a gentleman's servant Truro. drawing a plough load of dung or sand and riding on the tongue between the butt and the oxen fell off, and the wheel bruising him very much, died. [*Ibid.* No. 74.]

April 21. Jonas Moore and Edw. Sherburne to the Navy Commissioners. Ordnance Office. Thanking them for advising them of the sailing of the *Summer Island* merchant, with provisions for the fleet at Port Mahon, an offer they would have gladly embraced, only they have no order for sending any new supplies thither. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 143.]

April 22. John Huett to Williamson. The only fine pad I can find here fit Northampton. for your turn is a four-year-old stone nag of Lord Bryen's. Lord Bryen would not let me go till I see the horses running next Tuesday at Halton. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 75.]

April 22. Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. The *Judith* and *Prosperous*, Lyme. arrived here the 20th in three days from Morlaix, say that the French forces were daily marching towards Flanders, and that the King began his progress there on the 23rd, and that there are not above twelve men-of-war fitted at Brest, said to be intended for Guinea. [*Ibid.* No. 76.]

[April 22.] Acts 22 and 23 *Car. II.*, chapters 5 to 26 inclusive, passed on 6 March and on that day. Printed by the King's printers. There is a duplicate of chapters 15 to 19. [*Ibid.* Nos. 77-83.]

[April 22.] A table of the Public and Private Acts passed on 6 March and 22 April. Printed by the King's printers. [2 copies. *Ibid.* Nos. 85, 86.]

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April 22. Warrant to the Attorney-General to prepare a patent for fourteen years to Prince Rupert for his inventions for converting into steel all manner of edge tools, files, and other instruments forged in soft iron or any part thereof, after they are so forged, and also for the like converting of iron wire after it is drawn, and for preparing and softening all cast or melted iron so that it may be filed and wrought as forged iron is. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 82.*]

April. Docquet of the said patent. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 44.*]

April 22. The Lord Lieutenant to Lord Arlington. I have received a letter
Dublin. (copy enclosed) from Mr. Southwell, sovereign of Kinsale. It were easy for me to give orders as desired by him, but at this conjuncture I think fit to consult his Majesty, and in the meantime rather to suffer the inconvenience from their fishing on the coast than by over hasty orders to expose our men to receive an affront, we having no shipping on the coast to make good what we should do against so many boats, armed as they are represented to be. The Commissioners of the Revenue say that they believe the ship is going peaceably to Londonderry as is pretended. I hope you will not disapprove of my tenderness about the fishing, and will signify with all convenient speed his Majesty's pleasure. I hope that my licence to come over is on the way, my health being such that a little change of air may do me most good. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ page. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 61.*] *Enclosed,*

April 18.
Kinsale.

1. *Robert Southwell to the Lord Lieutenant. A French ship arrived here last Saturday of about 350 tons burden, frigate built, with thirty-two men and five boys, besides officers, with eighteen guns, and ports for twelve or fourteen more. They pretend themselves bound for Londonderry to take in beef prepared for them last season, and also horses to be carried to Martinico and St. Christopher's. Many people here are somewhat alarmed at her arrival, only on the grounds that she came from Dieppe, where it is said a number of the French men-of-war now ride, and being of that bigness and build and coming only in ballast. About thirty or forty French fishing boats are come on this coast, each of thirty or forty tons burden, having very long strings and rafts of nets, which they call mackerel nets. But they have both mackerel and herring nets; the mackerel they place uppermost next the ropes, and the herring under, in the same raft and joined together. Each having 1,000 nets and about thirty or forty men, carries out in length about two miles. All their men are armed with muskets and firelocks. By these long and unlawful nets they break and destroy the great shoals of fish on this coast, to the great destruction of the fishing trade here, and particularly of the pilchard fishing in the West of Ireland, set forth at very great charges of the undertakers, and of the hookers and fishermen of this town, consisting of sixty or eighty boats, and also those of Youghal and Dungarvan, to their great disheartening and impoverishing and to the abatement of the customs and excise*

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revenue. Before these French vessels came it was very usual for the hookers and fishermen of Kinsale, with about three men and sometimes a boy in each boat, to take 3,000 or 4,000 mackerel a day to each boat, which were often salted and exported; but now they take few or none, and also other fish grow very scarce. I enclose an order of the Lord Lieutenant and Council dated 15 June 1663, which provided for the removal of this inconvenience; but as of late years none of his Majesty's ships have been appointed to guard this coast, his subjects have not enjoyed the benefit thereof. They further complain that the time limited by the said order to begin and end the mackerel fishing is not according to their rules and observation of those fishing seasons, which should be from 1 April to 31 October. Since there are none of the King's ships now on the coast to put the said order in execution or to require obedience thereto from the French fishermen now fishing on this coast and in several places within a league of the shore, if your Excellency and Council would renew the said order, changing the time for beginning the mackerel fishing, and would authorize the hookers and fishermen of this town to cut or seize their nets wherever they meet with them in the sea and bring them ashore to be tried according to the rules of the Admiralty, they shall willingly put the same in execution. [Copy. 3 pages. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 61I.]

2. The said order in Council. Ordering that notice should be given to foreigners not to fish on the coast during the season of the pilchard fishing, from 1 June to 31 October; in case of disobedience, their boats and nets to be seized, and the commanders of all King's ships on the coast to aid in executing these directions; and further ordering the magistrates of Kinsale and other fishing places to suppress all unlawful practices by the private boats of their towns, such as the use of unlawful nets and fishing at undue times and places. [Copy. 2 pages. Ibid. No. 61II.]

April 2[2]. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Written in pursuance of and following the terms of the Order in Council of the 14th. [S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 37.]

Draft thereof. [S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 62.]

April 23. Richard Watts to Williamson. Yesterday afternoon and this forenoon the guns went off very much towards Dunkirk. 'Tis thought the French King entered that town yesterday. To-day a packet arrived for Sir John Harman, who will sail for the Buoy of the Nore to-morrow morning. About two the *St. David* and other ships gave 21 and 19 guns apiece in remembrance of St. George's Day, and also the castles their several salutes. Now there is no King's ship in the Downs; the common report is because the French fleet resolves to ride in the Downs, but we hope they will not be so insolent as to wear his flag in the King's bedchamber.

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For two days a small vessel has set fast on the Goodwin just against this town, and not a boat from Deal went off because they judged they had been much wronged in their salvage. This afternoon, they making a waft, one boat only went off to save the men's lives, but they resolve not to bring one pennyworth of goods ashore. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 87.]

April 23. Robert Brent to Thomas Raban. Upon private affairs. [*Ibid.*
Stoke. No. 88.]

April 23. Warrant for a privy seal for 300*l.* to Lord Bellasis for his entertainment and expenses going to Dunkirk. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 84.]

Docquet thereof, dated 4 May. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 54.]

April 24. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. The *Hopewell*, arrived from
Truro. Jamaica in eleven weeks, left it in a very good and healthy condition, with great expectation of the return of a fleet of thirty-five men-of-war, which some months ago sailed on a private design, with about 10,000 of the ablest men of that country. A vessel that left a port in Lower Brittany, near Brest, last Thursday, says three new ships were ready there, the *Royal Louis*, the *Grand Soleil*, and the *Terrible*, three greater ships than any that have been built yet, and besides three more are fitting out, of which the smallest carries 100 guns. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 89.]

April 24. John Pocock to James Hickes. The *William*, arrived on the
Weymouth. 21st from Dunkirk, says there are daily working on the fortifications about 30,000 men, but 9,000 at a time, changing every four hours. The King was expected there last Saturday. On the 22nd about forty great ships passed Portland to the eastward. [*Ibid.* No. 90.]

April 24. Richard Watts to Williamson. The *St. David*, *Foresight*, *Kent*,
Deal. and *Swallow* sailed to-day for the Nore. [*Ibid.* No. 91.]

April 24. John Evelyn to Williamson. "I should ere this have given you
Sayes Court. an account of our last discourse, if upon many un-successful attempts I could have found you; and you had, I suppose, been put into possession of all you desire, had not my f[ather]-in-law been detained (as he has ever since been) with his old companion, *manibus pedibusque*, but for the rest healthy and well disposed. He assures me that as soon as he is able to appear he will settle that affair, and you shall dispose of him and me as you have kindly designed it. I have lately been also so exceedingly incommoded with a rheum distilling upon my breath and disturbing all repose, especially at night, that I am hardly yet in condition to stir out, though I have a command from Sir Richard Browne to wait expressly on Mr. Treasurer in his behalf, till he can come personally to condole with him the great loss he has made. I was myself surprised with it the other day, just as I was going up his stairs to wait on him; I say so surprised, that when I came to him I was not able to mention it without some confusion, that untimely accident summoning to my thoughts an affliction which I sometimes

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think I have digested ; but it does now and then *recrudescere*, and causes an emotion which you are not capable of ; but I am, who have that tenderness upon me, and reflect on such losses with great sense and compassion. I do assure you Mr. Treasurer's is an unspeakable loss ; I have often said it. I do not know that ever I beheld so much sweetness and manliness mingled together as in that fine youth, and by what I could conjecture, from the little inspection I had, he must have been a brave man ; I sincerely pity and deplore the loss. That delicate contexture was not to have been transplanted at that season into that climate. But, since God has so disposed of it, no man whatever that reflects upon the hazards of youth in the age we live [in] can pronounce concerning these events, as to what would have been best for them that go first and we who follow after. They are wise and great men who sit loose to the things of the world, full of vicissitude and transient. Much I could say upon this topic, having many years since published a Treatise concerning the Education of Children, which, being brimful of sorrow for a poor boy that I loved, I translated out of a piece of St. Chrysostom not in Sir H. Savill's Collection. But enough of this.

“I make, as yet, no great noise with my Dutch task, but I have near an hundred sheets of paper, which I hope will not reproach my sedulity, when they shall be thought fit to be called for ; and purpose in the meantime to proceed according to the scheme you have by you, till I am bid hold my hand. Whilst the Parliament was sitting, I could not modestly importune Mr. Treasurer ; but I will now hope to procure by his means the papers long since in his Majesty's hands—the first two sheets of my History (which I was not sorry he should approve of for my encouragement), and a Preface, which I only held with the other papers without the least design of presenting it to his Majesty, because it was unpolished, and that I intended to read them to Lord Arlington (who enjoined me the particular) and Mr. Treasurer, before I would transcribe it. Of neither of these have I any tolerable copy, and therefore wish I may retrieve them, and beg your assistance in it. There are many particulars in this undertaking which will merit your assistance, when I come to put things in their places : the very cause of the war, so intricate and voluminous (and which I conceive myself obliged to handle with all accurateness), swelling to almost a volume. You know what Quintilian says, ‘One may easier contract that which is full and large, than dilate and spread that which has little of substance.’ Be assured, diligence and sedulity shall not be wanting, talents and ability may ; but if I were master of all perfection, my Lord Arlington and Mr. Treasurer have so obliged me by their great favours, that I should be the most ungrateful person living not to acknowledge it. I put a letter the other day into your hands for F[ather] P[atrick]. Do you know that I could never be free from his continual importunity ? There must have been some farther design in it, though they report him not to be one of much. I am told he gives it to be answered, which were to disoblige me who only calculated it for a letter, as you might easily

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judge by my crowding so much together. But if that learned Father will undertake it himself, I can yet knock that nail farther; for the rest *non moror*. The particulars are Catholic, and the Articles of the Church of England are terms of union and an instrument of peace; she does not disallow modest liberty to her sons where the sense is tolerable, and so men do not contradict her. The strait lace will ruin us; you know my meaning. But I forget I am writing a letter. You remember I have a thousand other things to say to you upon this conversation, which you have bespoken. You have but to command, and then we can settle the expedients and the neighbourhood, that whilst I divert you with these impertinencies, I may in exchange learn better things.

Postscript.—I humbly recommend the enclosed to your favour.”
[*Nearly 2 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 92.*]

April 24.
Salford, near
Manchester.

Rev. George Ogden to Williamson. Last October the King granted me the reversion of Ackworth, a living in Yorkshire, in regard of my father's sufferings in his cause, and leaving nine small children, and of my sufferings and abuses at Gorton Chapel by a turbulent crew. I gave my petition to the King myself, and Sir John Birkenhead, who was employed by me, acquainted the King with my sufferings, whereupon he said, “Let it be done for him.” When I spoke to you about it, perceiving Sir John intends it for his relation, one Birkenhead, you bid me get it under Sir John's hand that the King had granted me the reversion. I have received a letter dated 7 March from him, that the King granted me that living, and one from Mr. Rigby, of Preston, M.P., that he heard from Sir John's own mouth that my business was done, though he intends nothing but words to me. I have both their letters, which I intend to produce, and if you will be pleased to undertake the effecting of this business, I will give you for your pains 20 guineas or 20*l.*, whether you please, and will defray all charges besides. The living is worth about 100*l. per annum*, and belongs to the Duchy of Lancaster; the incumbent is very aged. [*Nearly 2 pages. Ibid. No. 93.*]

April 24.
Enham.

Rev. Thomas Brathwaite to Williamson. Asking him to take care that none anticipate him in his application for the living of Fyfield, in Andover Deanery, the minister of which died that morning, which he desires to hold with his present one, and saying that he would wait on him himself, but his wife is hourly expecting her confinement. [*Ibid. No. 94.*] *Enclosed,*

April 24.
Wayhill.

*Dr. Randall Sanderson, uncle to Brathwaite, to Williamson. Desiring his help and furtherance in the business. [Ibid. No. 94*l.*]*

April 24.
Oxford.

Richard Davis to Williamson. Thanking him for having inserted his advertisement in the *Gazette*, and his readiness to befriend him in things relating to his trade, and requesting him to have it put into next Thursday's *Gazette*, or if too late, into the following Thursday's, and saying that the further publication will be of more concern to him than the inconsiderable profit of printing four or five sheets can be, partly in regard of the imperiousness and obstinacy of some of those many that are concerned in the

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present impression of the rest of Bishop Sanderson's *Sermons*. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 95.]

April 24. E. Lady Carr to Williamson. Lady Rachel Hascard, hearing that the Bishops are removed to-day, desires you to remind my brother Arlington of what he promised her on the remove. [*Ibid.* No. 96.]

April 24. Capt. Thomas Legatt to the Navy Commissioners. The *Norwich* and *Richmond* arrived here yesterday, and only wait for the money due to the men upon their tickets, the *Norwich's* amounting to 357*l.*, and the *Richmond's* to much about the same. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 144.]

April 24. Humphrey Edwin to Sam. Pepys. I send by order of Sir John Banks an account of his Majesty's and the East India Company's demands of damages for the Dutch East India Company's interruption of the *Leopard* and *Hopewell* in their voyage to Porsatt; also the States' resolution to make satisfaction for the same. When you conceive fit, Sir John will attend the Attorney-General, touching the business of the *Leopard*. [*Ibid.* No. 145.]

April 24. Twelve warrants for charters of new infeftment to the following persons of the following lands:—

John, Earl of Glencairn	-	-	Lands in the Baronies of Duchell and Findlaystoun in Renfrewshire, and of lands in Stirlingshire.
William Blair	-	-	Lands and Barony of Blair and other lands in Ayrshire.
James Bannatyn of Kelley	-	-	Lands of Kelley and Fennoch Bog.
John Chalmers of Gaitgirth	-	-	Lands in Kirkcudbrightshire formerly erected into the Barony of Fintillach.
Sir Patrick Ogilvy of Boyne	-	-	Lands of the Barony and Thanedom of Boyne in Banffshire.
Walter Ogilvy of Bankhead	-	-	Lands in the parish of Fordyce in Banffshire.
Sir David Dunbar of Baldoone	-	-	Lands described by reference to another document.
John, Earl of Cassilis	-	-	Earldom and Lordship of Cassilis.
Lieutenant-General William Drummond	-	-	Barony of Cardeny formerly belonging to the Abbey and Monastery of Inschafrey.
Alexander Seaton of Pitmedden	-	-	Lands in the parish of Udney in Aberdeenshire.
Robert Cumming of Altar	-	-	Lands and Baronies of Altar and Dollas in Elginshire and Nairnshire.
Robert Chapman of Luncardie	-	-	Lands and Barony of Luncardie.

[Docquets. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, pp. 128-145.]

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- April 24. Robert Leigh to Williamson. Requesting him to use his
Portarlington. influence with Lord Arlington in favour of Major Nicholas Bayliffe, or Bayly, whose former pretensions at Salisbury, when the King was there, to procure a proviso in the Act of Settlement for 2,000*l.* in lieu of lands lost in this kingdom, which proviso was inserted, have not hitherto been effectual to procure any of his said money. He was then a good benefactor to Lord Arlington's office. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 63*]
- April 25. Richard Jones to the King. Petition praying for his release
Maidstone from prison, where he has been committed in a suit brought by the
Gaol. King in the Crown Office Court, and where he is like to starve. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 97.*]
- April 25. James Blackburne to James Hickes. Capt. Pomeroy's foot
Plymouth. company and Capt. Bromley's were to-day shipped on the *Reserve* frigate to be carried to Rochester. [*Ibid. No. 98.*]
- April 25. Warrant to the Clerk of the Signet to prepare a warrant to the Commissioners of the Treasury for payment to Sir Edward Wise of 730*l.* due from Samuel Gardiner, for extending the lease of the manor of Bewdley. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 99.*]
- Between Warrant to the Clerk of the Signet to prepare a warrant to the
April 25 Commissioners of the Treasury for payment to Sir Peter Wyche,
and May 5. late Envoy Extraordinary to the Emperor of Russia, and afterwards to the King of Poland, of 515*l.*, being 1*l.* *per diem* additional for every day from his departure to his return. [*Ibid. f. 100.*]
- April 25. John Maddocks to the Navy Commissioners. Stating that he
Framlingham. has sent 110 loads of plank to Woolwich, and asking directions as to sending the remainder. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 146.*]
- April 25. Receipt by Roose Thomas, surgeon of the *Portsmouth* pink, for medicines mentioned, received from Nathaniel Doggett, surgeon of the *Revenge*. With a note by J. Pearse, Surgeon-General, that they cost 1*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* [*Ibid. No. 147.*]
- April 25. T. Fairfax to Williamson. Sir Nicholas Armorer and myself
Dublin. are just now by his bedside, drinking my Lord Arlington's health, and in due method that of Geordy Cockes, his worthy Joseph. Both desire our services to my Lord and Lady Ossory, and also to that little Lord Aungier, who is a Goliath in the hearts of all his friends here, maugre all the proposal lists and their arts to render him otherways. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 64.*]
- April 25. The King to Lord Berkeley, Lord Lieutenant, granting him licence to come over on private affairs, and appointing the Archbishop of Dublin, the Chancellor, and Sir Arthur Forbes, the Marshal, Lords Justices in his absence. [*Draft. Ibid. No. 65.*]
- [April 25 ?] Another draft of the same, with a draft letter to the Archbishop and Sir Arthur Forbes, notifying to them their appointment as Lords Justices, with a note that their allowances were to be 100*l.* each *per mensem*, the same as to the Lord Chancellor and the Earl of Cork on Lord Falkland's calling over. [*Ibid. No. 66.*]

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- April 26. Order in Council on the petition of the officers of the Post Office—stating that a packet-boat was lately lost in the Irish Sea, and that that sea is so short and broken that Holland-built ships are found the fittest for that passage—permitting them to provide a Dutch-built ship, and that the same be naturalized and made free for trade. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 99.]
- April 26. Monsieur Petit to Lord [Arlington]. M. Mignon, M. Colbert's Secretary, having procured me his master's passport for the wife and children of an Irish doctor, took the opportunity of advising me to obtain a word of recommendation, since that, said he, would be only that of Mr. Williamson to his master, to ask him to remind his brother the Minister of my affairs, which he offers me to send to him at Dunkirk. I imagine this advice is from a higher source than the Secretary. I replied that after all the trouble that had been taken for me I did not know if I could venture to ask for this new recommendation. Nevertheless, if things were in such a position that I could derive any advantage from the remorse they seem to feel, I should avail myself of that recommendation by Mr. Williamson to ask for a sum due by the Most Christian King to one of my friends, who would bring it to Carrick to strengthen there the establishment I have planned. [*French. Ibid.* No. 100.]
- April 26. Lord Arlington to the Clerk of the Signet attending. Caveat that no grant or presentation to the church of West Grinstead in Sussex pass without his being informed of it. [*Ibid.* No. 101.]
- April 26. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The *Julian* of Croisie reports Falmouth. that the King of France has all hands at work fitting out the fleet, and fourteen men-of-war are fallen down in Pallice Road ready to put to sea, reported to be for the Straits. The *Hopewell* from Jamaica reports there were thirty men-of-war ready to put to sea well manned and equipped, intending some great design against the Spanish. On their way home a Spanish ship boarded them, and stripped them of all their cloth, and took from them indigo and other handy commodities. The *Barnabie* for Bristol and the *Neptune* from York River in Virginia say they have had a bad crop this year; the former wants much of her loading. [*Ibid.* No. 102.]
- April 26. Thomas Holden to James Hicke. To the same effect as the last. Falmouth. [*Ibid.* No. 103.]
- April 26. Protection to Andrew Lindsey of Birthwood from arrests and Whitehall. executions for civil claims for two years. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p.* 146.]
- April 26. Warrant for a gift to the Principal and Masters of St. Leonard's Whitehall. College in St. Andrews of the rents of the bishopric of the Isles during the vacancy of the see for building a bibliothec therein and repairing the fabric. [*Docquet. Ibid.* p. 147.]
- April 26. Order in Council on the petition of Viscount Gormanston, remitting in his favour the new quit rents imposed by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation on lands whereof he or his ancestors

1671. were seised in possession or reversion before 23 October 1641. [2 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 67.]
- April 26. Similar order on the petition of Thomas Garret Wall. [2 pages. *Ibid.* No. 68.]
- April 26. Order in Council approving of the proposal for establishing a free school in Dublin, and ordering Lord Arlington to prepare a letter for the King's signature requiring the Lord Lieutenant to cause letters patent for erecting it to be passed, the Lord Lieutenant's letter and the draft to be submitted to the Commissioners of the Treasury to consider how the schoolmaster is to be paid the salary therein mentioned. [*Ibid.* No. 69.]
- April 26. Order in Council on the petition of Major Nicholas Bayly, who was engaged in the designs of Col. Penruddock and Sir George Booth, and had received nothing in respect of various grants made in consideration of his services, that, when the business of the Irish Revenue is considered, Lord Arlington is to remind his Majesty of the petitioner, that he may be specially provided for. [*Ibid.* No. 70.]
- April 26. Major Joseph Stroude to Viscount Conway. Describing the race also described in Mildmay's letter of the 28th. [*Conway Papers.* 1½ page. *Ibid.* No. 71.]
Lisbon.
- April 26. Order in Council confirming an agreement between the States of Jersey and Sir Thomas Morgan, the Governor, for the erection of a pier under the fort of St. Aubin's. [2 pages. *S.P. Channel Islands* 9, No. 1.]
- [April?] Henry Wootton, Canon of Windsor, to the King. Petition praying permission to resign his canonry in favour of Gregory Hascard, one of the King's chaplains. *At the foot,*
- April 27. *Order thereon, accepting the resignation, and referring to the Archbishop of Canterbury to report on the merits of the person in whose favour it was made.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 104.]
- April 29. Report by him in Hascard's favour. [*Ibid.* No. 105.]
- April 27. Richard Watts to Williamson. A ship from Cadiz reports that Sir E. Spragg is before Algiers. One from Barbadoes speaks of the mortality there as very great. A Scot, a soldier under the Spaniard, arrived from Flanders, says that King has very much repaired all his towns in Flanders, and sufficiently stocked them with ammunition and provisions, and that the French King has above 60,000 soldiers. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 106.]
Deal.
- April 27. Charles Collier, for Hugh Salesbury, to Williamson. These parts Portsmouth. afford nothing of news. [*Ibid.* No. 107.]
- April 27. H. Slingsby to Williamson. The Council for Foreign Planta-Queen's Street. tions desire you to send them any papers you have concerning the

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dispute between Mr. Gorges and the Bostoners concerning the Province of Mayne, as they will take the same into consideration next Monday. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 108.]

April 27. Hugh Acland to James Hikes. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 109.]
Truro.

April 27. Henry [Sanders] Pedley to Lord Arlington. I have upon second
Dou[ai]. thoughts presumed it most safe and expedient to direct the enclosed, by reason of the re-enclosed, to your prudent and favourable disposal, and beseech pardon if my over-boldness has in anything caused my pen to err. [*Ibid.* No. 110.] *Probably enclosed,*

April 23. Henry [Sanders] Pedley to Sir Roger Bradshay, M.P., at
Douay. his lodging, the Flying Horse, near the Maypole in the Strand. From his experience of his well wishes towards the King's good Catholic subjects, requesting him to present the enclosed for his Majesty's Royal approbation before its presentation to Parliament. [*Ibid.* No. 110I.]

*Petition of Pedley to the Parliament. As a lawful, trueborn Englishman of the holy Catholic faith, and a faithful and loyal subject of the King, for whom in 1666 he wrote and acted, he is encouraged first to crave their charitable eyes of resentment towards all such as the world knows to have been his Majesty's faithful obedient subjects, secondly to implore his recall home, thirdly to beseech of the King, the Parliament, and all other good subjects, their pardon if in any of his writings, words, or actions he has accidentally offended. Whatever, since his first return to England fourteen years ago, he has said, written, or done, has been in defence of his lawful Sovereign and for his subjects' welfare. If any of the King's Roman loyal subjects be displeased with their unusual proceedings, or startled at their daily praying for him and his Council and Parliament, or be disedified at his bearing arms in 1666 for the King's defence, he cannot but attribute it to misunderstanding in the weaker party. [*Ibid.* No. 110II.]*

April 27. Warrant to the Attorney-General to prepare a grant of a baronetcy to William Chaitor of Croft Hall in Yorkshire. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 25, f. 200.]

April 27. List of tickets belonging to three men of the *Pearl* which were paid in error, and abated from money paid to the widow of Coffin, the purser. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 148.]

April 27. Robert Mayor to Thomas Hayter. Asking for 100*l.* to pay for some timber required. The masts can be got on credit. [*Ibid.* No. 149.]

April 27. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. Asking for the appointment of a person to view a lot of old casks and hoops received from ships returned from the Straits and now in the Downs. [*Ibid.* No. 150.]

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 April 27. Edward Gray to the Navy Commissioners. Concerning defects in Mr. Stockman's Riga masts, and recommending they should be hewn to 16 inches square. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 151.]
- April 28. James Blackburne to James Hickes. The East India ships and Plymouth. the frigate with the soldiers are still in sight, the wind continuing easterly, as it has been for so long. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 111.]
- April 28. Indenture between Sir Thomas Chicheley, Master-General of the Ordnance, and the officers of the same, on behalf of the King of the one part, and Capt. George Carteret of the other part, witnessing the delivery to the latter, by virtue of a warrant of the 19th instant, of certain arms and habiliments of war from the magazine, with an undertaking by him to return the same in good order when required, and to replace any deficiency by arms purchased out of the magazine. [*Ibid.* No. 112, and *S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 48, p. 6.]
- April 28. Col. Sir Anthony Gylby to Williamson. I find the fanatics here Hull. pretty quiet. To-day a Scotch vessel bound for London was driven into Humber by ill weather with at least thirty passengers on board. The master is reputed a very honest man, so I gave them the liberty of the place. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 113.]
- April 22-28. News-letter. 24th.—The King, 'tis said, next Thursday intends to go down towards Sheerness to view the fortifications thereabouts, but not to make a long stay. This evening the Count de St. Geran, Envoy Extraordinary from the French King to condole with the King on the death of her Royal Highness, had his audience of *congé* of their Majesties, with whom goes the French Ambassador, M. Colbert, to visit his master at Dunkirk, but is shortly to return.
- 25th.—It is not certain if the King will go this year to the installation at Windsor. Dr. Wren is ordered to see in what posture that place is to receive him and his retinue. This evening departed Lord Bellasis and Mr. Vaughan to compliment the French King at Dunkirk, from their respective masters.
- 26th.—This week departed Mr. Bertie, brother to the Earl of Lindsey, appointed Envoy Extraordinary to the King of Denmark. Two days ago arrived from Saxony Frederic Adolphe Haughwits, Chamberlain to his Highness, as Envoy Extraordinary from the Duke to the King to return his master's compliments on receiving the Order of the Garter. A person of quality from the Duke of Orleans is hourly expected to condole with the King on the death of the Duchess of York. The King's intended journey to Sheerness is put off till next week.
- 27th.—A sad fire happened last Tuesday in St. Olave's parish in Oxford. It began at a smith's forge; sixteen houses were consumed, but no public edifice touched. The Duke of Monmouth, accompanied by M. Blanchefort, Captain of his Guards, intended to go to Dunkirk this week with many other persons of quality, but they have put it off till next week. Mr. Luke, lately arrived

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overland from Tangier, gives an account of the good and hopeful condition of the mole and garrison there.

28th.—Letters from Spain say they have at last agreed to the arbitration as offered by France. The King has presented the Duke of Savoy with an English gelding, and sent also the ratification of the Treaty of Commerce at Villa Franca. [*3¼ pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 114.*]

April 28. Warrant to Sir Henry Wood, Treasurer and Receiver-General of the revenue late in jointure to the Queen Mother, to pay to the Earl of St. Albans, one of the trustees for the management of that revenue, 1,000*l. per annum*, to begin at Michaelmas 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 84.*]

April 28. T. Wilson to the Navy Commissioners. Giving reasons for the
Chatham. delay in sending cottons to Deptford as directed by warrant of the 15th instant. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 152.*]

April 28. John Garratt, boatswain, to the Navy Commissioners. Desiring
The Hulk at Plymouth. a bill on the Treasurer of the Navy for his victuals, and also payment of his wages. [*Ibid. No. 153.*]

April 28. Peter Bronsdon to the Navy Commissioners. I have been to
Cork. Lord Strafford's woods, called Shelelea. There is a large quantity of great timber there, and the land is of good quality. The timber is generally straight and large, but that which is big enough to make 3 or 4 inch plank is very much shaken, and some full of small worm-holes. The woods are nine or ten miles long, but the best and nearest part of them, called Bullingatt, lies about eighteen miles from Wexford, that is ten miles land carriage to Annescorpy (Enniscorthy), which will cost 10*s.* per ton, and thence to Wexford it may be carried by boat for 2*s.* a ton. The price, as the stewards say, is 8*s.* 6*d.* per ton, felling and squaring at 2*s.* 6*d.* per ton, and sawing into plank is 3*s.* per 100 ft., and the sea carriage will be about 28*s.* per ton; so the whole charge may be about 57*s.* per ton. The timber is given so much to defects that I cannot encourage dealing for it. There are two more places to which they carry small timber from the woods for shipping, Wicklow and Arklow; but the land-carriage is as costly as to Wexford, and it is the worst part of the wood they have the timber from. These are places but for vessels of twenty-eight or thirty tons, and Wexford is a bad place, so that vessels above fifty or sixty tons cannot come there. The vessel employed by Sir Fretchville Hollis is safely arrived, and they are proceeding to load her. I hope Sir William Petty has been with your Honours. His woods are the fittest and best for conveniency of shipping I have seen. [*Ibid. No. 154.*]

April 28. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing the grant of a cus-
Whitehall. todium from last Michaelmas, during pleasure, to Sir Edward Scott of about 3,500 acres in the barony of Iffa and Offa, County Tipperary, discovered by him as parcels of the land formerly set out on the pretended adventure of Thomas Cunningham and Lewis Dick and vested in the Crown, by the Act of Explanation, at rents

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equivalent to the quit-rents reserved on Adventurers in the same province. [1 $\frac{1}{4}$ pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 52.*]

April 28.
Portmore.

Richard Mildmay to Viscount Conway. Describing the race for Lord Donegal's plate, value 10*l.*, between Lord Conway's grey gelding and Lord Donegal's young horse Mazerin, won by the former, and concerning the race for Lord Conway's plate, to be run next Thursday, and also about various horses and horse-breeding. Your Honour's troop are now settled in their new quarters at Portmore, Ballanderry, and Glenavey, to the liking of themselves and country. Lieutenant Hill, since he was made Governor of Charlemont, we heard was very earnest to sell his commission as lieutenant, and several were about it, so Capt. Thelwall wrote to him. Phelim O'Neill writes that the lieutenant was mightily glad of the proposition, but Thelwall has not heard a word from himself. [*Conway Papers. 2 pages. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 72.*]

April 29.
Grittleton.

Dr. Thomas Tullie to Williamson. Reminding him of his promises, in case of the advancement of Dr. Wood, who is now likely to be made Bishop of Lichfield. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 115.*]

April 29.
Lyme.

Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. Shipping news. Ships from Morlaix say there was a warm report from Paris that they were upon a breach with the Dutch, and that the Bretons and other traders in linen there advanced considerably upon the English upon their haste to be at home before May Day, when they expected a further duty upon it. [*Almost illegible. Ibid. No. 116.*]

April 29.

John Hilton to Williamson. My lord, at Sir Robert Carr's, bade me come to you about moneys. Therefore I desire 5*l.* or 10*l.* I shall come at nine to-night to receive it, as I intend for Colebrooke to-night to take some that I suppose are fled, and without it I cannot go. The Duke of Monmouth has ordered me a party of horse. [*Ibid. No. 117.*]

April 29.

Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. Advising that they are in great straits at Deptford for ten or twelve loads of knees, and that he knows where some may be had for ready money. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 155.*]

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Robert Mayor to the Navy Commissioners. Desiring a warrant for receiving from John Beavan compass timber and elm board. [*Ibid. No. 156.*]

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The same to the same. Desiring a similar warrant for receiving elm timber from Peter Nolbery. [*Ibid. No. 157.*]

April 30.
Barwicke.

John Walter to Lord Arlington. I received the King's order for marching to Rochester; in the bottom of Lord Widdrington's order was written that a frigate was to come to Holy Island to receive the two companies. The ship not arriving has stopped us these ten days since our quarters were paid off, and we in readiness to march. Therefore I beseech you to procure further orders or to advise us. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 118.*]

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Portsmouth.

Charles Collier, for Hugh Salesbury, to Williamson. Shipping news. [*Ibid. No. 119.*]

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Portsmouth.

John Moore to the Navy Commissioners. Advising of the launch of the *York* and *Diamond* on Friday, and the docking of the *Yarmouth* and *Nightingale*, and that the *Tiger* sailed to Spithead yesterday, and praying that he may have a deputy on board the *Royal James*. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 297, No. 158.]

April 30.

Jer[emiah] Brome to [Lord Conway]. Concerning cattle sent his lordship, some of which were lost at sea, and asking a reply to Fishamble Street, Dublin. [*Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 73.]

April.

Dr. Edwin Chamberlayne to Williamson. The King having lately granted the next presentation of Whick[h]am, in Durham, at Lord Carlisle's request, to a friend of his, I request you to direct the bearer how he may see a *caveat* to that purpose entered in the office, as Lord Arlington promised Lord Carlisle. I met, yesterday, Sir William Petty, and find him very able to promote the design of giving an account, in print, of the State of Ireland, as you desired. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 120.]

April.

T. Faber [Le Fevre] to Williamson. Latin verses on Menander and Terence. [*Ibid.* No. 121.]

April.

A Psalm of Thanksgiving to be sung by the children of Christ's Hospital on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Easter Holy-days (according to ancient custom) at St. Maries Spittle, for their Founders and Benefactors, *Anno Domini* 1671. Five verses of six lines each, with music, beginning—

Thou, Lord, dost sway, and still display the banners of Thy power:
Thy mercies sweet we will repeat, and praise Thee every hour.

At the bottom is a report of the poor children, and other poor maintained during the last year in the several hospitals by the care of the Lord Mayor, commonalty, and citizens, viz. Christ's, St. Bartholomew's, St. Thomas's, Bridewell, and Bethlem. [*Printed paper. Ibid.* No. 122.]

April.

——— to Mr. Church, Clerk of the Fleet. Authorising him to deliver up to his cousin A——— N———, of the Middle Temple, the writing deposited by them jointly in his custody, the said A——— N——— having performed all his engagements. [*Draft. Ibid.* No. 123.]

April.

Sir Rich. Chiverton, Governor of the Eastland Company, to Lord Arlington. Stating that, in October 1660, the company requested a renewal of the proclamation of Charles I. restricting to them the trade of the Baltic, which was referred to the Attorney-General, and a confirmation of the charter passed Feb. 1661; that a second proclamation was ordered 29 Aug. 1661, but obstructed by the Lord Chancellor; that war, pestilence, and fire put a stop to the subject till Oct. 1668, when the suit was renewed, referred to the Council of Trade Nov. 6, and their report brought in May 1669; that the company made objections against some of the limitations

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proposed, and that since then nothing has been done ; and requesting his assistance. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 124.] *Annexed,*

Proclamation of Charles I. prohibiting the bringing in of Eastland goods by any not of that company, 7 March 1630. [Calendared in Calendar of S.P. Dom., 1629-31, p. 206. Ibid. No. 124I.]

Warrant for a proclamation to the same effect as the above, dated 29 Aug. 1661. [Ibid. No. 124II.]

Petition of the Governors, &c., of the Eastland Company to the King for a proclamation limiting to them the import of all Eastland goods, for want of which aliens, especially the Dantzickers, are engrossing their trade, stating the origin of their company, and the several charters, proclamations, &c., already granted in its favour. [Ibid. No. 124III.]

List of instances from 1628 to 1662 in which aliens importing Eastland goods were compelled to carry them out again or to compound with the company. [Ibid. No. 124IV.]

*Report of the Council for Trade, in reference to the proclamation desired by the Eastland Company, that it will be useful, rendering the company more esteemed and considerable in foreign parts by his Majesty's owning of them, but will require limitations, viz., that any may be admitted to the company on fine of 5*l.*, that for two years to come timber and deal may be imported in any ships with English mariners for rebuilding London, that they levy no impositions on export of English manufactures, observe the Act of Navigation, &c. [Ibid. No. 124V.]*

*Reply of the Eastland merchants on the above report, addressed to the Council for Trade. They are willing to admit any merchants who are mere merchants and not shopkeepers or persons of other callings, but they think their former fine of 20*l.* small, and that a smaller one would cumber the body with unskilful members. They wish a certain time limited for unrestrained bringing in of timber, and consent to remove impositions on woollen goods exported, though they will be obliged to increase them on foreign imports. They will observe the Act of Navigation, but ask leave, in case of necessity, to import their goods in foreign vessels when there is no English ship ready in time. They hope their Honours will not vary from the charter so lately confirmed. [Ibid. No. 124VI.]*

[April ?]

Petition of Thos. Drayton and Henry Partridge, of Lambeth, to the King, for the reward of 100*l.* promised to the discoverers of the assassins of the Duke of Ormond ; they knew the pistol marked "T. H." to belong to Thos. Hunt, who was taken as a highwayman in May last, and delivered to him on his release from the Marshalsea, when Drayton was constable ; they have disclosed this to Lord Arlington immediately on the proclamation, and used their utmost

1671. efforts to apprehend Hunt. [*Read at the Council on 14 Nov. 1671, but must be earlier. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 125.*]
- April. Extract from Priolus' History concerning the Restoration, beginning "Charles King of England comes from Flanders, for Cromwell," ending "offended at the French rigour." [2 pages. *This is a translation from his Histories, de Rebus Gallicis, Book X., p. 467, Elzevir edition. Ibid. No. 126.*]
- [April ?] Order of the ceremonies used at the celebration of St. George's feast at Windsor when the Sovereign of the most noble Order of the Garter is present. [*Printed pamphlet, 30 pages. Ibid. No. 127.*]
- April. Appointment of John Stone, Sam. Richardson, Rich. Bucknall, Thomas Breedon, Robert Wood, Henry Person, Charles Fanshawe, and Rob. Gorges, as commissioners of wine licences, customs, inland excise, and licences to retail ale and beer in Ireland, lately demised to John Forth and Sir William Bucknall. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 41.*]
- April. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to Sir John Nicholas 4,500*l.* in consideration of his surrender of his interest in the Great Park at Windsor, with declaration that he shall receive the rents till Michaelmas next. [*Ibid. No. 42.*]
- April. Warrant to the Exchequer authorizing the Receiver of the Duchy of Cornwall to pay to Sir Edw. Walker 288*l.*, the fine payable by John Morice and Rob. Clayton for the manor of Kennington, and also 390*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, the fine payable by John Arundel for the Prince's meadows and wharfs, parcel of the said manor. [*Ibid. No. 43.*]
- April. Grant to Wm. Prichard in fee of the storehouse and wharf called the Gun Wharf, at Woolwich, with the appurtenances, in satisfaction of 2,957*l.* to be paid him for the purchase of a manor house called the Tower Place, and divers lands at Woolwich and Plumstead. [*Ibid. No. 44.*]
- April. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to Roger Whitley, Knight Harbinger, 563*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*, in satisfaction of his disbursements and services in providing lodgings and necessaries for the Prince of Orange from 28 October to 11 February last, and also 18*s.* for the charges of passing this privy seal. [*Ibid. No. 45.*]
- April. Like warrant to pay to John Ward, Consul to Algiers, 100*l.* a year and arrears, to commence from Christmas 1666-7 (*sic*). [*Ibid.*]
- April. Like warrant to pay to Rich. Marriott, Receiver for the Honour and Castle of Windsor, or to the Receiver for the time being, of 1,000*l.* for repairs. [*Ibid.*]
- April. Grant to the servants and officers of the Heralds, Pursuivants-at-Arms, Gentlemen Ushers, &c., of their ancient fees and profits as given in the schedule annexed. [*Ibid. No. 46.*]
- [April ?] Privy seal for 1,000*l.* to Henry Brounker, due from [John] Sabine, who had received a baronetcy in consideration of the same. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 82.*]

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The bill for extraordinaries of Mr. Dodington, Resident at Venice, for October, November, December, 1670. The total is 187*l*. Some of the items are for sweetmeats, wines, fruits, tongues, etc., being the usual entertainments made to all public ministers on their first visits; Mr. Dodington's were to the Ambassadors of France and Spain, and to Residents of the Emperor, Florence, Malta, and Modena at 6*l*., one with another 36*l*.; for his Majesty's picture at length and a frame thereunto, 15*l*.; for officers of the Doge's person, of the colleges and Senate, as of due the day of the first audience, and is paid by all public ministers, 30*l*.; spent on the journey from Augsburg to Venice, being fifteen days with three servants, 30*l*. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 83.*]

A similar bill for January, February, March, amounting to 27*l*. 5*s*. 0*d*. [*Ibid.*]

[April ?]

William Wye, Chirurgeon of the Yard and Navy at Chatham, to the Navy Commissioners. Petition, praying that the clerk of the cheque may be ordered, from the date of their former order, to place the guard ships then there to his account, and also any for the future in the like case, that the men, if any hurt, be taken care of by the petitioner. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 297, No. 159.*]

[April ?]

James Kimber to Sir (*sic*) Samuel Pepys. Praying him to procure him employment, for which he had petitioned eight weeks ago, and stating that Sir Jeremy Smith last week had bidden Mr. Heather (Hayter) to remind Pepys of him when there should be a vacancy for a master. [*Ibid. No. 160.*]

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Quartermaster of Lord Conway's troop to ———. Certificate that the twelve months' arrears owing to the privates and non-commissioned officers of the troop were satisfied, but that Capt. Phil. Wilkinson had only received two months' pay of the twelve due to him as lieutenant of Col. Moses Hill's troop. I believe he knows not what the superior officers have received or what their arrears are (*see ante*, p. 175). [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 74.*]

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Lists of ships sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson, of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the wind, &c.:—

Vol. 289. No.	Date.	King's.	Outward.	Inward.	Wind.	REMARKS.
128	April 1	8	22	7	S.W.	Rear Admiral Sir John Harman in the <i>St. David</i> and the <i>Dartmouth</i> arrived this morning.
129	„ 2	10	22	2	S.W.	
130	„ 3	11	22	2	S.W.	The wind being fair the King's ships and the fleet of merchant ships outward bound are all under sail.
131	„ 4	11	26	6	W.N.W.	
132	„ 5	11	28	0	S.W.	
133	„ 6	7	0	1	N.E.	
134	„ 7	7	2	0	N.E.	
135	„ 8	7	2	0	N.E.	
136	„ 10	7	2	0	S.	
137	„ 11	7	2	1	E.	

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Lists of ships, &c. —cont.

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138	April 12	7	0	0	N.E.	Weather stormy.
139	" 13	7	0	0	N.E.	Ditto, with wind and rain.
140	" 14	7	0	0	N.E.	Weather stormy.
141	" 16	7	0	0	N.E.	Blowing hard.
142	" 19	4	0	0	N.E.	
143	" 20	4	0	0	S.W.	
144	" 21	4	1	0	E.S.E.	
145	" 22	4	1	0	S.E.	
146	" 23	4	2	0	N.E.	
147	" 24	0	2	1	S.E.	Weather very calm. All the King's ships sailed to-day.
148	" 25	1	0	1	S.E.	
149	" 26	1	0	6	S.E.	Weather very calm.
150	" 27	1	2	2	S.W.	
151	" 29	1	1	3	N.E.	
152	" 30	1	1	7	S.W.	

May 1. W. Bridgeman to Williamson. My lord has received yours.
Euston Hall. All his family arrived here well, and continue so; he thinks of returning next Saturday. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 153.]

May 1. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Yesterday the King's yacht
Truro. sailed from Falmouth for Minehead, to take in Lord Orrery and carry him to Ireland. [*Ibid.* No. 154.]

May 1. Commissioner Cox to the Navy Commissioners. Concerning the
Chatham. launch of the *Triumph*, the docking of the *Lion*, and the movements of three other ships, enclosing demands for stores from the master shipwright and storekeeper, asking that Mr. Boys be sent down about breaking up the wrecks he bought long since, and reminding them to decide what is to be done with the wrecks of the *Defiance* and *Royal Oak*. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 1.]

May 1. John Ruffhead to the same. Craving their assistance to help
Chatham. him to raise money, that he may be able to carry on his business and pay his men, most of whom have left to seek their bread where they can find money, being now out of purse near 4,000*l.*; desiring the payment of three bills for 747*l.* 7*s.* 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.* left with Samuel Pett; stating that he has not yet got the three last quarters' bills, amounting to 2,000*l.* and more, and near 900*l.* of old, besides what is going on, which makes the burden so heavy, and that he had not iron for above a week longer, and can have none without money, and that some of his men had not had a penny since Christmas; and entreating an order for him to have two or three tons of old iron in the stores, and that they would accept such bills as he had unpaid in '66, '67, and '68 in payment for it. [*Ibid.* No. 2.]

May 1. Daniel Furzer to the same. Desiring eight caulkers to be sent
Woolwich. over from Deptford for a week, to hasten the caulking of the *Ruby*,

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and also asking for a supply of oakum, and for one of the Riga trees for her bowsprit. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 3.*]
- May 2.
Barnstaple. William Wakeman to James Hickes. Shipping news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 155.*]
- May 2.
Ragley. [Lord Conway] to Secretary Trevor. Acknowledging the particular obligations he is under from his favour to him in the transactions of his appointment to the governorship of Charlemount. [*Draft. Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 156.*]
- May 2.
Newcastle. Humphrey Pibus to the Navy Commissioners. Desiring speedy payment of the money disbursed at their request in 1666, for work done on the *Flying Hound*, for which he has since made several applications in vain. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 4.*]
- May 2.
Dublin. [Sir Ellis Leighton] to [Williamson]. Lord Clanbrassil desires to wait on my lord at London, but fears his father's creditors may fall on him there, and therefore wishes for a protection for a few months or weeks, in order to discourse and compound with them. The Lord Lieutenant commits this to your care. All Lord Aungier's desires shall be complied with. Father Patrick [McGinn's] business shall be despatched, and I will be a good solicitor for his baronet, and bring him money in spite of his teeth. The Lord Lieutenant has received his licences, and will not write to Lord Arlington till he be in England, because he gave him notice he was going into the country. Continue your news addressed to me. The Lords Justices will open them. [2 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 75.*]
- May 3.
Lyme. Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. The *Samuel*, from Croisic, reports a great press there for carpenters, for Rochelle, to work on the King's business. On May Day arrived the *Concord*, from Bridgetown, in Barbadoes, reporting the contagion in the town wholly over, and very little in the country near. It was not the plague, nor the illness so great as was reported. The master had it, and said it took him in his back and head, and killed some in 48 hours. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 157.*]
- May 3. John Creed to Lord Arlington. Informing him of a meeting of the Tangier Committee for to-morrow. [*Ibid. No. 158.*]
- May 3.
Falmouth. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The *Katherine*, of Croisic, says that last Saturday she met a small French man-of-war, who told them they were ordered to cruise up and down about Ussing (Ushant) to speak with the French men-of-war, and order them into port with all speed. Shipping news. [*Ibid. No. 159.*]
- May 3.
Falmouth. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Almost identical with the last. [*Ibid. No. 160.*]
- May 3.
Ribton. Richard Lamplugh to Williamson. Recommending the bearer, his former servant, Jonathan Banckes, a youth of excellent parts. [*Ibid. No. 161.*]
- May 3.
Weymouth. John Pocock to James Hickes. Two vessels arrived in seven weeks from Virginia report that in Maryland a vessel had been

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condemned by the Governor, being manned mostly with Dutchmen. The *Robert and John*, from the Barbadoes in seven weeks, says that at her leaving not above two a week died in Bridgetown, and that the country was very well again. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 162.]

May 3. King's letter to the Clerk of the Signet to prepare a presentation of Daniel Apleford to the rectory of Ackworth, in the diocese of York. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, f. 24.]

May 3. Warrant to the Recorder and Sheriffs of London for inserting in the next general pardon Thomas Ridley, convicted of stealing a small sum of money, at the intercession of the Spanish Ambassador, on condition of his transportation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, f. 50.]

May 3. Warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley that on delivery out of any arms or habiliments of war he should enter into an indenture, according to the draft annexed, with the receivers for their redelivery and making good any lost. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 35A, f. 23.] *Annexed,*

The said draft in the form of the indenture of 28 April, calendared ante, p. 206. [Ibid., and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 48, p. 6.]

[May 3.] Warrant for a grant to Gregory Hascard of a prebend at Windsor, on the resignation of Henry Wotton. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 48, p. 22.]

May 3. Minute thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 35B, f. 13.]

Docquet thereof, dated the 4th. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 55.]

May 3. Pass to Laurence Hyde, Master of the Robes, to go into France to see his father. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 36, p. 1.]

May 3. T. Wilson to the Navy Commissioners. Advising what cables he had sent to Deptford in pursuance of their commands of 27 April. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 5.]

May 3. R. Mayor to the same. Desiring warrants to Deptford for receiving from Edward Buckley eight loads of elm timber, and from George Body the 43 masts therein mentioned. [*Ibid.* No. 6.]

May 3. B. Gauden to the same. Asking them to accept and pay two bills of exchange of 115*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.* and 273*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* respectively, drawn on them by Sir T. Clutterbuck. [*Ibid.* No. 7.]

May 1-4. John Carlile to Williamson. Several persons of quality from Dunkirk arrived this morning, and are gone to London. 2nd.—Prince Longueville and two more persons arrived from Dunkirk are gone to Whitehall. 3rd.—Monsieur Grande with fifteen servants arrived from Dunkirk, and from Calais Herr Lamson and his family from Flushing. The French army keeps on working at Dunkirk, 20,000 every day. Shipping news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 163.]

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May 4.
Q[ueen's]
C[ollege],
[Oxford].

Rev. T[imothy] H[alton] to Williamson. Inquiring how Mr. Smith is like to be disposed of, who, Mr. Lowe desires, should bear his son company, and asking who sent the account of the fire at Oxford, mentioned in the News Book. (A note by Williamson says it was the Vice-Chancellor.) [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 164.]

May 4.
Whitby.

Thomas Waade to Williamson. A vessel from Maryland, arrived here, was chased by a French man-of-war off Newfoundland, and so came about the Orcades. There are rumours of the French intending war against us; if so, I beg my former place of giving you notice of what shall happen on these coasts. [*Ibid.* No. 165.]

May 4.
Baldock.

Sir Robert Carr to Williamson. Announcing their safe arrival, and asking the method of proceeding adopted in Middlesex about the subsidies and copies of the warrants, if any have been granted, as it is probably better waged there than in more remote places. [*Ibid.* No. 166.]

May 4.

Report by Sir Heneage Finch, Attorney-General, on an order of Council, of 20 Aug. 1670, that the patent to Colonel Grey and Mr. Killigrew to license pedlars and petty chapmen at a rental of 1,000 marks, from Michaelmas 1665, is lawful on dispensing with the statute of 39 Eliz., which declares them to be rogues, and that it only renews and confirms a former patent granted by King James. [*Copy. Ibid.* No. 167.]

May 4.
London.

Capt. Anthony Deane to the Navy Commissioners. Asking for an imprest of 100*l.* to Harrison the painter, and of 50*l.* to Allen the carver, to enable them to finish the King's new yacht, and also for a supply of plank for repairing the *Yarmouth* and *Nightingale*, now in dry dock. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 8.]

May 4.

Sir Jeremy Smith to the same. Giving an account of the victuals in store in London according to a survey taken April 26, showing that there was no sufficient quantity of any except pork for the four ships now ready for sea. Note.—A copy of the account was shown to his Majesty by the Duke at the Treasury Chambers yesterday, and the matter largely discoursed, with a resolution taken that the victuallers be instantly supplied with money. [*Ibid.* No. 9.]

May 4.
Victualling
Office.

B. Gauden to the same. Desiring them to accept and pay two bills of exchange for 50*l.* each, drawn on them by Sir T. Clutterbuck. [*Ibid.* No. 10.]

May 4.
Deptford.

Jonas Shish to the same. Stating that they could get no bolts to fasten the beams and knees put into the *Pearl* and *Drake*, and consequently the work was at a standstill. [*Ibid.* No. 11.]

May 4.

Thomas Stollard to the same. I am he that Sir Edward Massie sent a letter to your Honours about satisfying of my loss of ship and slavery by being taken by the Turks into Argeeare, and further of my being formerly employed in his Majesty's service, and requesting of your Honours further giving me an employ as you may think fit. I shall wait your Honours' pleasure. [*Ibid.* No. 12.]

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May 4.

Warrant from Col. Middleton, Surveyor of the Navy, of the receipt at Deptford from John Boddicoate, ropemaker, of the cordage and match therein mentioned, made out of rakings and shakings received out of the ropery at Woolwich. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 13.]

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May 5.
Montpelier.

W. Allestree to Williamson. Praying he will believe him true until he finds him false, and saying that if the employ of the whole world were proposed unto him, that of attending his commands would be his choice, though the place where he now is hinders him from giving the assurance of his will to do it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 168.]

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May 5.

Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Several ships have arrived lately, but bring no news. [*Ibid.* No. 169.]

May 5.

Plymouth.

James Blackborne to James Hickes. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 170.]

May 5.

Gilmanby.

Christopher —by to [Thomas Raban?]. Concerning the accounts of the rents he has collected, and requesting him to present the enclosed affidavit and petition to the Lords Commissioners when the account is declared before them, and to procure his discharge. [2 pages. *Ibid.* No. 171.]

May 5.

Warrant to the Clerk of the Signet to prepare a grant to Charles Sydenham of 1095*l.* payable by Sir William Chaiter of Croft Hall, on his creation as a baronet. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, f. 101.]

May 5.

Warrant to the Clerk of the Signet to draw a bill making Jacob de Tornes, of Jamaica, a denizen of England. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 36, p. 1.]

May 5.

Warrant for payment by the Woodward and officers of the New Forest and the forests of Alseholt and East and West Beare, to Philip Packer, paymaster of the works, 1,750*l.* for repairs of the King's house at Lindhurst, and rebuilding the stables out of the proceeds of sale of lop and top wood and offal wood, and of decayed trees if the former was insufficient. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 56.]

May 5.

Warrant to pay to William Ashburnham, Cofferer of the Household, 100,000*l.* for the charge of the household for one year, and 10,000*l.* towards defraying the interest of money to be borrowed for the King's service. [*Ibid.*]

May 5.

Chatham.

Commissioner Cox to the Navy Commissioners. His Majesty was this morning in the yard, having been at Gillingham fort and on board the *Prince*, his stay not being long, but returned to Sheerness in his shallop. I have supplied Sir John Harman with a pinnace and oars, and the captain of the *Kent* with a pinnace, and also Capt. Floyd with a cable. Both desire a supply of other stores, as to which I ask your pleasure. There is not money enough sent down to finish the half-year's pay of the yard by upwards of 800*l.*, of which I pray a supply by Monday. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 14.]

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May 5. The Farmers of the Customs to the same. Enclosing the following, and desiring redress for the present injury, and an order that there may be a due inspection in future of all goods coming into his Majesty's stores. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 15.]
 Custom House, London. *Enclosed,*

May 4. George Gosnell and William Booth to the Farmers of the Customs. A Dutch hoy employed by the Duke of York arrived at Harwich, one Mr. Clarke being entrusted by the Duke to keep account of what goods she gets out of wrecks at sea, and laid her side to the sea side of the King's storehouse and delivered there iron, copperplates, and wine. They shut the door to the land and would not suffer our officers to go in. We desire your direction in this business. If your officers have not power to search the King's storehouse at all times, the persons belonging to the yard may unlade vessels, and you be defrauded of the duties. [Ibid. No. 151.]
 Ipswich.

May 5. Robert Mayor to the same. Desiring a warrant to Deptford for receiving from Ralph Beacham four loads of plank and two of knee timber. [Ibid. No. 16.]

May 5. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing him to order the Attorney-General to issue a *Quo warranto* against the inhabitants of Dundalk concerning their pretence of being a corporation by prescription, to the prejudice of the son and heir of Marcus, Viscount Dungannon, to whom the town had been granted by letters patent and confirmed by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation. [S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 40.]
 Whitehall.

[May 5.] Royal warrant fixing the establishment of the garrison of Guernsey, as from that date, at one company consisting of 80 privates, and two of 60 each, besides commissioned and non-commissioned officers, at an annual charge of 3,794*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.* [Sign Manual. Channel Islands, Vol. 9, No. 2.]

May 6. ——— to Williamson. Desiring, on behalf of Alderman Wright, of Oxford, that the sentence on one Wright, his kinsman, condemned yesterday for burglary, be commuted to transportation. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 172.]

May 6. News-letter to Samuel Goodwyn, at Woodbridge, in Suffolk. A ship from the Potomac river, and another from the James, report that three Dutch ships were condemned for having traded there, contrary to the Navigation Act. The Governor, last summer, sent some up the country on discovery. Taking a south-west course, they found it very rocky, barren, and mountainous; and after attaining, with much difficulty, a considerable height, they approached a river running swiftly southward. They would have passed it, but, their provisions failing, they returned in fourteen days. Vessels from Morlaix give no account of extraordinary preparations by the French for setting out a fleet, but they are very intent on their buildings at Brest. Two merchant vessels from Port Mahon to Leghorn report that the English fleet of twelve sail was careened

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there, waiting only for Sir Edward Spragg's last ship, which would be ready in a day or two, to sail for Algiers, the men much encouraged by receiving twelve months' money for short allowance of provisions. His Majesty's galley, building at Pisa, will be finished in eighteen days. The *African* pink, from Tunis to Leghorn, says fourteen Algiers men-of-war went in there, and afterwards departed, some into Corso, others to Algiers. Those of Tunis have most of their ships, brigantines, and galleys, at sea in quest of French merchantmen, with whom they say they care not for anything like a peace. Letters of February 17, from Sallee, say none of their ships of war were then out, and that they were very poor, what they had taken from others in summer being taken from them in winter. May 1, the Marquis de Vergest came from the French King to repay the compliments sent by Lord Bellasis. There is not the like kindness between the French and the Dutch, who have ordered none to compliment him because he gave them no notice of his arrival. The *Haarlem Gazette* says that Count de Furstenberg has made the Duke of Lorraine's peace, on his submission to the French King at Dunkirk. The King intends to go to Windsor on the 27th, that the solemnity be performed on the 29th, where the Earl of Carlisle is to represent the King of Sweden, and the Earl of Bath the Duke of Saxony, whose Envoy, M. Haugwitz, is to pass hence to France, and also the Spanish Ambassador, Count de Molina. Dutch letters of 9 May [N.S.] say some are jealous of the Princes of Lunenberg, especially of him of Hanover, but the princes have given them fresh assurances upon their agreement and payment of the promised subsidies, which the Dutch are willing to do, and to prevent their disbanding their forces, their dispute with the Bishop of Münster being settled, the Emperor and Empire pay further subsidies for keeping them entire for their and the States' service. The Dutch fleet are ready to sail, but they are in little apprehension of damage from the French by sea, their East India Actions being now at 560, the highest ever known. At Dunkirk the French King held a review of his army for Lord Bellasis. It is one of the finest seen these many years, consisting of about 30,000. Their glory is chiefly in their furniture and arms, which, though much improved, are yet inferior to our English, their pikes being about two feet shorter, and their guns much less. They are employed very hard in their fortifications, and the King so earnest and thrifty of time, that he will allow no day but Sunday for a review. The 2nd the *Reserve* arrived in the Downs with soldiers from Plymouth, accompanied by two East Indianmen from Bantam. On the 4th the King, about 3 a.m., went toward Sheerness. The *Concord*, from the Barbadoes in six weeks, says the distemper there was very much abated; at Bridgetown it was quite over. There were some remains of it still at Slight's Bay and the Hole. It was nothing so mortal at the end as in the beginning, and seldom any, not deprived of their senses, died. The sugar, when she left, came down apace. A ship from Croisie says no considerable preparations were talked of there, only all the carpenters were summoned for their buildings. The ships at Portsmouth, &c., are so carefully

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looked after as to be in readiness when the King shall see occasion. At Chatham the *Triumph* was lately undocked in very good repair, whose place was taken next day by the *Lion*. The Dutch have asked the Swede what assistance he would give in case any attacked them. The Swede answered they would perform all things required of them by the Triple Alliance, and reminded them of the subsidies due from the Spaniard, in which they stand engaged. The differences between the Elector and City of Cologne not having been composed, the Dutch have not only made several overtures for mediation, offering themselves as mediators, but have told their Minister to press the Emperor to have a particular regard for the security of the place. On the 5th the King returned from Sheerness. The same night the Earl of Manchester died between 11 and 12 of a fit of the colic. The Duke of Monmouth, the Marquis Blanchard, &c., are gone to Dunkirk to see the French camp, and the Duke de Bouillon, Duke de Longueville, and some marquises and persons of quality in France are come over to see this Court. Leghorn letters of the 27th say that eight of the Alger men-of-war that had been at Tunis had fought with a great Dutch ship. She maintained herself for some time stoutly, till twenty of her men were slain. She was set on fire and burnt, but the men carried away captives. Dublin letters of the 22nd mention about forty French fishermen, of about 90 tons each, fishing near Kinsale. [*Nearly 4 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 173.*]

May 6. W. Bridgeman to Williamson. My lord intends to leave for
Euston Hall. London next Monday, and to be there the next day. When he wrote to Mr. Treasurer to take some order about a coach to be laid for him when he came up, he desired it only in case he should be sent for on some extraordinary occasion. [*Ibid. No. 174.*]

May 6. Edward Wayte to Lord Conway. Advising him that he is sending him patterns of all the newest stuffs in the box with Lady Conway's things, and excusing himself for not having done so before, as, the Court being in mourning, no one knew what would be worn that summer. [*Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 175.*]

May 6. Order by the King for raising 540 recruits, to be distributed among the garrisons of Berwick, Plymouth, Portsmouth, York, Hull, and Windsor, as therein mentioned, to supply the places of nine companies sent to Rochester, the cost *per annum*, at 8*d. per diem*, being 6,552*l.*, and the establishment to commence on 6 May. [*Ibid. No. 176.*]

May 6. Similar order for raising a new company to replace the company of the High Admiral's Regiment in garrison at Gravesend and Tilbury Fort, designed for service elsewhere, at a cost *per annum* of 1,613*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* for a captain, lieutenant, ensign, two sergeants, three corporals, a drummer, and 100 privates, the establishment to commence on May 6. [*Ibid. No. 177.*]

May 6. Capt. Edmund Chillenden to the Navy Commissioners. Complaining that last Saturday, the 29th, he was denied to wait on them, being told it was his Royal Highness's pleasure he should not

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come to do any business in any of the offices of the Navy, and begging to be admitted only to pass the accounts of Mrs. Alexander. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, *No.* 17.]

May 6. Sir Nicholas Armorer to Williamson. The scene is changed, or at least seems so to us. Lord Carlingford, who has promised to give you this, will tell you how and when. I refer you to him for the history of this island. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, *No.* 76.]

May 6. Major J. Stroud to Viscount Conway. Concerning horses he has
Lisburn. purchased, describing the race last Thursday for his lordship's own plate, won by his lordship's horse, and giving particulars of further races, and the names of the mares that had foaled. [3 pages. *Conway Papers. Ibid. No.* 77.]

May 7. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Requesting him to forward the
Falmouth. enclosed from his friend Squire Bluett. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, *No.* 178.]

May 7. Richard Watts to Williamson. The master of the Dutch ship
Deal. here told me his letter yesterday from Holland spoke of a very great jealousy between the French and Dutch, and great preparation in all Dutch frontier garrisons, and daily expectations when the French should attempt some great thing. There is a report that two of the French King's ships are cast away, and that he cannot man above fifteen sail. [*Ibid. No.* 179.]

May 8. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Nothing here worth your notice.
Truro. [*Ibid. No.* 180.]

May 8. H[enry] P[edley] to Francis Clare at Somerset House. I pre-
sume you and others sufficiently understand my good desires and poor endeavours for the general interest and welfare of our gracious King, his realms and his people. If I mistake not, affairs succeed not much amiss. I hope my return for the mission is resolved on. [*Ibid. No.* 181.] *Enclosed,*

THE ROYAL LOVER'S INTRICATE PRAYER.

Thirty-two lines, beginning :—

*" O Heavens! protect our King, and countries dear
With joy and bless preserve in holy fear."*

ending :—

*" O you, my Sovereign great, I honour with my soul
Then Vae to th' every he, that doth your will control."*

[*Ibid. No.* 181i.]

May 8. John Walden to Williamson. I have bought you a very fine
Walden. gelding for twenty guineas, and put him to grass. [*Ibid. No.* 182.]

May 8. Dr. J. Bentham to Williamson. My son, whom you were pleased
Loddington. to countenance at Westminster School, I have placed at Peterhouse, where he enters at Midsummer on a good scholarship of 20 marks *per annum*, given him by Sir John Hales, of Hertfordshire, with many thanks to my friend for commending so good a scholar to him, as he (upon sight of a Latin and Greek epistle, with Latin and

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Greek verses sent him by my son) was pleased to judge him. I request you to remind my Lord of Lincoln of his promise. The Archdeacon of Buckingham having been long afflicted with a quartan, is now in such weakness that his life is despaired of. If he would confer that office on me, I would execute it with all care and diligence, both in keeping the visitations myself, and being generally personally present at the Courts. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 183.*]

May 8. Commission to the Duke of York and others to make provision for maintaining the garrison of Tangiers, and raising and building a mole or harbour there. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 57.*]

May 8. Grant appointing Sir Robt. Atkins, K.B., Receiver-General of all rates, duties, &c. granted by the Act for laying impositions on proceedings at law, and allowing him 6*d.* in the pound. [*Ibid. No. 58.*]

May 8. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Commissioners. Describing his bad condition and the heavy expense he has had, and will still have, in removing his goods and family, and desiring a supply. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 18.*]

May 8. The King to the Treasury Commissioners in Scotland. Order to pay 20,000*l.* Scots out of the Excise to Thomas Hay, one of the clerks of the Privy Council and Session. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 148.*]

May 8. The Earl of Orrery to Dr. Lancelot Bolton, chaplain to Viscount Conway. Recommending the enclosed to his care and conveyance. [*Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 78.*] Probably enclosed,

May 7. *The Earl of Orrery to Viscount Conway. To miss the happiness of your company, and that on account of your mother's being at death's door, is a double misfortune. I am ashamed you think I have done you a service worth notice in getting you the Governorship of Charlemont. I am confident your patent will be better than Will Hill's, though he should have one, which I am confident he cannot. You are best acquainted with the fittest captain of foot in the North to make your Deputy Governor, but if I can learn any when I go to Ireland, I will acquaint you. Having missed waiting on you, I will drive as fast as I can for Minehead, where the King's yacht has waited for me these eight days. Could I have seen you I would have told you what was fit for you to hear, but unfit to send by post. [2 pages. Conway Papers. Ibid No. 78I.]*

May 8. John Tottnall to Viscount Conway. Desiring to know whether freestone or hardstone is to be used for the stable, and recommending the latter, and also inquiring about the windows in the two towers in the bowling green, and mentioning what mares had foaled. [*Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 79.*]

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May 9. James Blackborne to James Hickes. No news. [*S.P. Dom.*,
Plymouth. *Car. II.* 289, No. 184.]

May 9. Dr. Thomas Hill to [Lord Arlington]. Some hours before I
Cambridge, could reach Cambridge, Secretary Trevor had sent one of his
12 o'clock, the clerks with a whole packet of letters in behalf of the Duke [of
post going at 2. Buckingham], one particularly to the Vice-Chancellor, where after
his own request on that subject, he adds that he was authorized to
let him know that that choice would be very kindly taken by his
Majesty. There is scarce a man of note in the University who has
not been solicited by letters from London by the Duke's friends,
and that which has given them a great advantage is the earliness
of them; for it happened that they came when the University
was met together in a full body, when, finding none to appear as a
competitor, they immediately visited (a custom in the University)
the members of the particular Colleges in his behalf, and with that
success, that a great many then promised their voices, before they
well considered what they did. Dr. Turner, chaplain to his
Highness the Duke of York, has engaged vigorously in your
Honour's concern, and has all the voices of the largest college in
the University, besides what he has gained abroad, entirely for
your lordship. Mr. Page, once secretary to the Duke of Ormonde,
has secured the votes of a great part of his college. I am secured
of a good number, and some of those from Trinity College, where
the Duke's interest runs highest, on the account that he was once
a member of that society. The impediment, I find, is that we
come too late, so many are pre-engaged, and this is so unfortunately
true, that I assure myself that had I come from London on Saturday
night (which I proffered to do) the business had been effected. But
upon the whole, we are as yet resolved not to bring your Honour's
name upon the stage unless we can gain a more considerable party,
which we hope to do, if we can prevail with the Vice-Chancellor to
allow the time, for I verily believe the other party will cool by
degrees, and they that manage that cause are so sensible of it,
that they endeavour to hasten the election, whilst the heat lasteth.
The Statute says they must choose within fourteen days, and
Dr. Turner intends immediately to go to the Vice-Chancellor to
protract the time, and that the day may not be, as is at present
intended, next Thursday; for if it happen to be thus sudden, we
are not so sufficiently prepared for the contest as to run the hazard
of a trial. That which gives me hopes that a delay may be
advantageous, is, that a man may read in the very countenances of
some a sorrow that they engaged so precipitantly. My lord, my
whole design in this undertaking, whatsoever the issue of it proves,
was to give your Honour some testimony of the great sense
I have of those many favours I have successively received
from your lordship. *Postscript.*—If the election be deferred,
Sir Robert Carr may do your Honour much service. They were
so startled at Dr. Turner's coming, that they sent immediately
an express to the Duke of Buckingham, and we suppose, and have
reason to think, it may be for his Majesty's letter to necessitate
the University to the choice. [2 pages. *Ibid.* No. 185.]

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Cambridge,
4 o'clock.

Dr. Thomas Hill to [Lord Arlington]. Since I wrote my last, we have had a pretty fair prospect of our business. Dr. Turner sending to Clare Hall, found most of them disengaged, and in other colleges very many, all which would come over to us. What we had then to do was to persuade Mr. Vice-Chancellor to defer the congregation for the election till Monday, and I waited on him thither, where we pressed the business home, and I made bold warmly to make use of your Honour's name, and to tell him it was a great piece of injustice to huddle up an election after such a manner. I believe the Secretary's letter has prepossessed him, but his answer was, after an hour's discourse on the subject, that he had passed his word publicly for the election on Thursday morning. So that, my lord, unless we can do something extraordinary to-morrow, we shall be so tender of your lordship's honour as not to put up your name. If the Vice-Chancellor, whom we have sufficiently chafed, will yet be persuaded to defer the election, which is the thing we now labour after, and laid our intelligence accordingly, I am willing to promise ourselves a good success. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 186.*]

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News-letter to Mr. Kirke at Cambridge. [The first part is *verbatim* the same as that of 6 May. It continues:] On the death of the Earl of Manchester the King conferred the office of Lord Chamberlain of his household on the Earl of St. Albans, from whom the Master of the Ceremonies now, as usually from that office, receives his directions. Letters of the 12th [N.S.] from the Hague say that Count de Windegratz, the Imperial Ambassador, went post from Paris to Brussels, and, without any stay, thence to Cologne, whither the Baron de Isola is also going, both of them to confer with the Duke of Lorraine. The Spaniards have by bill of exchange remitted the last money due to the Swedes for subsidies into Flanders, which is to be transported thence to Amsterdam to make the readier payment for the Swedes. 'Tis advised from Madrid the Spaniards and the States have entered into a league offensive, that if either be attacked, the other should assist him. The Count de Monterey, whilst the French continue their camp about Dunkirk, has a small army lying about the parts adjacent, to relieve any place that might be attacked. A bark from the Levant to Leghorn reported that a Venetian and an English ship laden with oil were taken by an Algiersman, but the account was so lame that it was not credited. In the procession at Madrid on 26 April, a discourse happened between the pages of the French Ambassador and those of the Duke of Albuquerque about precedence, in which the French were so heated as to fall violently on the others with swords and pistols, which disrespect to the Sacrament there present, besides the boldness of assaulting Spaniards in the streets of Madrid, was looked on with such indignation by all the people, that the French soon felt their fury, and leaving two or three of them dead, secured themselves in the house of the Ambassador, which happened to be near. The Duke of Ormonde is made Steward of Westminster instead of the Earl of Manchester. Lord Berkeley, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, having obtained leave, is expected here shortly.

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We have now in town six hundred French, of whom about sixty are persons of name, who have been highly treated by the Duke of Buckingham, Lord Ossory, Sir T. Clifford, &c. May 15 [N.S.] the Dutch fleet was ready to sail, and instructions preparing for the Admirals. The 5th, five men coming on horseback to the Tower about 6 a.m., three alighted whilst the other two held their horses. These three went into the Tower to see the crown, one in a clergy habit, and when admitted, two of them, who went into the room whilst the third stayed at the door, wounded and gagged Mr. Edwards, who had the custody of it, and carried it away. Mr. Edwards' son, coming in and finding his father in that condition, pursued. One of the villains shot at him but missed him, as also the sentinels, but they were so closely followed that two were taken about the Iron-gate—old Blood, who went under the name of Ailoffe, the priest disguised, and one Perrott—and afterwards young Blood by a fall from his horse about Gravel Lane, who went under the name of Hunt, and was the same that seized the Duke of Ormonde. They were brought to Whitehall and sent to custody; the other two escaped. [*Three closely written pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 187.*]

May 9. Rev. Thomas Braithwaite to Williamson. Concerning the living of Enham. of Fyfield, which it is said Mr. Serjeant will not accept, being a Fellow of King's College, a far better preferment. [*Ibid. No. 188.*]

May 9 Three warrants to Sir John Robinson to take into custody Blood, outlawed for treason in Ireland, and for other great and heinous crimes committed in England, and Blood and Perrott for dangerous crimes and practices. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 84.*]

May 9. Warrant to the Clerk of the Signet to prepare a privy seal granting to Henry Bishop, for secret services, 2,000*l.*, to be paid out of the remainder of the Queen's portion. [*Ibid. f. 85, and Entry Book 48, pp. 11 and 23.*]

Docquet thereof, dated the 11th. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 60.*]

May 9. Michael Hale to [Thomas] Hayter. Explaining the delay in Mr. Fenn's answering the Board's letter about three bills. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 19.*]

May 9. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Referring to his consideration the annexed petition of Thomas and Henry Howard of Suffolk, praying for a grant of 12*d.* per ton on all ballast taken by any ship in any Irish port, according to a grant already made to them in England. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 183.*]

May 10. Warrant for a grant of 300*l.* to Ferdinando Littleton as a free gift. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 189, and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 85.*]

Docquet thereof, dated the 15th. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 64.*]

May 10. Thomas Holden to Williamson. Shipping news. The *City of Falmouth. Ferro*, laden with oranges, says that about fifty Dutch laden with salt from St. Tubus (St. Ubes), passed this harbour yesterday. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 190.*]

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May 10. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Almost identical with the
Falmouth. last. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 191.]

May 10. Edmund Carent to Williamson. Asking that, as the Muster
The Horse Shoe Master of the City is beyond hope of recovery, if any else seeks to
in Holborn, obtain the office, he may be given notice, as he has had a promise
over against of it from the King. [*Ibid.* No. 192.]
Chancery Lane.

[May ?] Edmund Carent, Adjutant for several years to the Commissioners
of Lieutenancy in London, to the King. Praying the fulfilment of
his promise of a letter to the said Commissioners for the place of
Muster Master on the decease of Lieut.-Col. Cox, who is now
dangerously ill. [*Ibid.* No. 193.]

May 10. John Powell to James Hickes. Shipping news. [*Ibid.* No. 194.]
Milford.

May 10. Richard Bower to Williamson. The *Kent* and *Nonsuch*, two of
Yarmouth. the King's frigates, lately passed to fetch some soldiers from the
North to Sheerness, but yesterday afternoon, on their return, the
Kent struck on the Middle Ground off Winterton, about seven
miles hence. Captain Bury of the *Nonsuch* came in last night,
having left his boats with the *Kent*, and required the Bailiffs'
assistance, which they afforded, one going himself. She is got off,
but they had to throw some guns and shot overboard, and to stave
all her beer and water. [*Ibid.* No. 195.]

May 10. Warrant to the Attorney-General, after reciting the disparking of
the Great Park at Windsor in 1662, the grant of the same to Sir
Edward Nicholas for a term of 31 years, and the surrender of the
said term, and that the park was now in possession of the King, to
prepare a declaration of the King's pleasure to restore the premises
into a park again, with the officers that formerly belonged thereto,
and a grant to Baptist May, Keeper of the Privy Purse, of the office
of keeper of the said park. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 196,
and *S.P. Dom., Entry Books* 34, f. 85, and 48, p. 7.]

May 10. Warrant to the Attorney-General to prepare a bill pardoning the
Duke of Buckingham for all murders, homicides, and felonies, com-
mitted by him before the 9th instant, either by himself or with
others, and particularly for the murders and felonious homicides of
the late Earl of Shrewsbury and William Jenkins, late of West-
minster. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, f. 200.]

May 10. King's letter to the Master (*sic*) and Fellows of Queens' College,
Cambridge, directing that if, upon examination, Charles Palmer,
lately translated from Oxford to that college, be found worthy,
they should elect and admit him into a fellowship, after such
persons as have already obtained a King's letter for fellowships
there. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, f. 165.]

May 10. Caveat in favour of the Earl of Burlington that no licence or
grant pass for erecting or finishing any buildings in Milnfield, *alias*
Corcam fields, Crabtree Park, Dogfields, and Windmill Fields, in
Middlesex. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, p. 12.]

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May 10. Grant to James Hamilton, Groom of the Bedchamber, of a pension of 850*l. per annum* on surrender of his office as Keeper of Hyde Park; also of a pension of 500*l.* to Elizabeth his wife, to commence on his decease, to be paid out of the clergy tenths in certain dioceses. [*Docquets*, Vol. 25, No. 59.]

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Chatham.

Commissioner Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I can find but one to supply the stores with brick and lime, or that will accept of being paid in course according to the date of the bill, and he will not sell the bricks under 17*s.* a thousand and the lime under 14*s.* a load, which I formerly bought for 15*s.* and 14*s.* respectively, they having their money paid here. If this cannot be continued they are resolved not to supply the stores but at dearer rates. We are in great want of brick, having none in store. I know no prejudice the wrecks of the *Defiance* and *Royal Oak* do this river, but the longer they lie the worse they will be, and that of the *Royal Oak* must be taken to pieces if ever thought fit to be built on, and also the *Defiance* if she lie much longer. I delivered the storekeeper your letter open, having opened it myself, the clerk of the cheque not being at home nor the other in the way when the letters came. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *S.P. Dom.*, Car. II. 298, No. 20.]

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Chatham.

Phineas Pett to the same. Praying for 100*l.* imprest for Mr. Fletcher, the carver, to enable him to finish the *Prince* and carry on several other works on the ships here. [*Ibid.* No. 21.]

May 10.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. For the discharge of Garrett Wall from the new quit-rent of about 27*l. per annum*, imposed on his estate by the Act of Explanation. [*S.P. Dom.*, Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 41.]

May 10.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Similar letter in favour of Viscount Gormanston. [*Ibid.* p. 65.]

May 11.

Lord Ashley and Sir Thomas Clifford to the King. Report on the petition of Thomas Price, late Receiver-General of the Royal Aid in Herefordshire, giving reasons against the remission desired by him, but stating that on account of the services and sufferings of his family and his own merit, he is very worthy of the King's favour being extended him in some other way. [*S.P. Dom.*, Car. II. 289, No. 197.]

May 11.
Christ's College,
Cambridge.

Dr. John Carr to Williamson. This morning, about seven, I received your letter sent me by Dr. Turner, and Dr. Cudworth, our Master, another from you to the same effect. But we were so far engaged before, having been visited (as we call it here) for the Duke on Sunday or Monday last, and the inclinations of the University lay so against an Oxford man (you know our academical humour), that no good could be done so late for Lord Arlington, but the Duke was chosen to-day *nemine contradicente*. My personal obligations to you are such, and peculiarly in my expectancy for the Professorship, that you might command not only my own suffrage, but all the friends I could make, had it been in time. [*Ibid.* No. 198.]

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Christ's College,
Cambridge.

Dr. Ralph Cudworth, Master, to Williamson. Lord Arlington is a person in himself so honourable and noble, and of so great acceptance with his Majesty, and your civilities have been such great obligations to me, that there is nothing tending to his lordship's service, in my power, that upon your suggestion I should not most readily contribute the utmost of my endeavours to. I was out of town at my living on Sunday when the post letters came, and the business was that day begun and carried on vigorously, and when I returned on Monday, I found the University was generally engaged for the Duke, and I freely engaged myself with the rest, there being then no mention made of Lord Arlington. Since which it was conceived, by those who knew things best, that it was not possible that there should be any alteration made by anything less than the royal command. And I know my lord would have judged it very imprudent, if a few persons should have given their suffrages for him and have brought his name publicly upon the stage, when they knew they could not prevail. In whatsoever lies in my power I shall ever be most readily devoted to his lordship's service and compliant with your commands. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 199.*]

May 11,
9 a.m.

Dr. Thomas Hill to Williamson. Our adversaries have used all imaginable industry in compassing their designs; and yet, the bell now ringing for the congregation, they are not so secured but that they fear a considerable opposition. Express upon express (as they guessed at our motion) has gone hence to the Duke and returned again from him, and they give out themselves that there has not been less than three hundred letters to several persons on this occasion. The last express that came from Wallingford House signified (as one told me that saw it) that those letters that then came would balance all the opposition Dr. Turner or the Duke of Ormonde's chaplain could make—for our words as well as actions have been very punctually related in their despatches. But we had thrown up the cards before, for as soon as the congregation was called, we knew the game was lost. Yours coming this morning at five, Dr. Turner went to the Vice-Chancellor, whose answer was that he had engaged his promise to Secretary Trevor and to the heads (who pressed him that it might have been yesterday) that he would not defer, not only the congregation, but the election beyond Thursday. So that I have not sent the enclosed to Sir Robert Carr. Yesterday came Mr. Couell, and with him two doctors from Bury, who had a very good interest in the University, and would have prevailed far had we not been straitened in point of time, but we all concluded nothing was to be done to purpose, the election being next day. The sober party of the University will not stick privately to say they do not like the Duke for their Chancellor, though they give their voices for him. *Ne noceat* is the ground of their choice, to which a friend of ours answers, "That is, to sacrifice to the Devil." There is a story that is spread about the town and made use of, that the Duke, drolling on the University, on occasion of some scholars coming to see the King at Newmarket, a stander-by in their hearing should say, that his father had a kindness for the place. With his usual preface to what he is

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about to say, he replied, that if they would choose him Chancellor, so would he too. Letters have come hither from some persons, which I could not have believed, and commendations of the Duke, which I am sure they do not believe themselves. Some are so modest as to relate his virtues with a parenthesis of, "as those that know him best say," or, "as is generally reported," or some qualification in that kind. But the bell has done ringing, and I am going to see the issue of this affair; and we intend, as soon as the congregation is done, to send an express, that my lord may give himself no further trouble in relation to this affair.

11 o'clock.

I just met the Regents coming from the schools, and informed myself that they were then reading the suffrages for the Duke. The Vice-Chancellor made a speech (as is usual) and had some reflections on Dr. Turner and me, for endeavouring to gain time. *Nec blandientium illecebrae*, that's for Dr. Turner, *nec minantium tormina*, there he meant me (though I question the Latin), should prevail with him to defer the election. (The bells now ring, and the Chancellor is pronounced.) All the threatening I made use of was that it would sound ill at Court, and that my Lord Arlington must lay the fault at his door, if an election should so suddenly be huddled up, and that for my own particular I did not look on it as fair play. But no more of this subject. I believe you know the Bishop of Chichester wrote several letters to take off Dr. Turner's interest. Pray present my humble duty to my lord. I am sorry we had not the success we wished for, but, however, it was all we could do. My fingers itched to have brought in twenty or thirty voices, if I had known a person of honour I might have been so bold with, that the Duke might not have carried it with a *nemine contradicente*. [Nearly 2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 200.]

May 11, noon.

St. John's
College.

Dr. Francis Turner, Master, to Williamson. You will receive by this express a fuller account from Dr. Hill. I need say no more but that I have done my poor utmost, and I can never repent of what I have done. Though I had foreseen the event before I left London, I am sorry and ashamed to reflect upon the whole matter, that our Chancellorship should be carried as a race is won by a jockey, only by getting the start. Much might have been done, if four or five days had been gained to apply ourselves to every man's passion, relation, and interest. And this I dare say: we might have broken this sealed knot and have set up another interest by Monday next. I have still this satisfaction, that St. John's men were reserved men to the last, until I licensed them to throw away their votes as they pleased this morning. And be pleased to satisfy Lord Arlington his noble name was never exposed, only I tried the ford as far as I durst venture for his lordship. I put up the Duke of Monmouth's name too, but the visibly major part was fixed, and nothing but time could turn the unity. But I would not solemnly visit for my lord, or any other person of honour, for fear of receiving a discomfiture. [*Ibid.* No. 201.]

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Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Acknowledging his letter of the 6th. [*Ibid.* No. 202.]

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May 11. Charles Collier, for Hugh Salesbury, to Williamson. The *Tiger*
Portsmouth. is sailed for St. Helen's. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 203.]
- May 11. John Man to Williamson. The few shipping here for coal had last
Swansea. week been nearly fired, which was occasioned by people feasting on
board a vessel they had bought; by firing some chambers caught the
boltsprit and sail of a vessel lying next them, which, if not speedily
quenched, had endangered all the shipping at the quay, they lying
dry at the time. [*Ibid.* No. 204.]
- [May ?] Daniel Earlsman to the King. Petition to be allowed to sue for
pardon. He was so rash and unadvised as to be concerned in
Sir John Penruddock's business, but restored his goods immediately,
and this is his first offence. [*Ibid.* No. 205.] *Annexed,*
- May 11. *Certificate by Mr. Justice Raynsford in favour of the peti-*
tioner, as having restored the money to Penruddock without
diminution.
- May 12. *Order thereon, granting the petition.* [*Ibid.* No. 205I.]
- May 11. Licence to John, Earl of Exeter, to hunt this summer in Rock-
ingham Forest on the same terms as in former summers. [*S.P.*
Dom., Entry Book 25, f. 200.]
- May 11. Grant to Sir John Griffith and others to be Commissioners for
granting wine licences in England, Wales, and Berwick, with the
salary of 200*l.* *per annum* apiece. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 61.]
- May 11. G. Peachy to Commissioner Tippetts. Praying, on account of the
Portsmouth continual importunity of Henry Roy, whose coils of twice-laid
Ropeyard. cordage were seized by Capt. Greene, and are now in his own custody,
for orders what is to be done with them. (The rest to the same
purport as the next.) [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 22.]
- May 11. G. Peachy to Col. Middleton, Surveyor of the Navy. Praying for
Portsmouth tar to be sent. Two vessels have lately arrived from Mr. Bodham
Ropeyard. with about 53 tons of hemp. [*Ibid.* No. 23.]
- May 11. B. Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. Desiring them to accept
Victualling and pay a bill of exchange for 500*l.*, drawn by Sir T. Clutterbuck,
Office. with a note partly in shorthand at the foot. [*Ibid.* No. 24.]
- May 11. Capt. George Liddell to the same. I was at sea six weeks on the
The *Roebuck*, voyage I wrote of, but never met a sail. Returning to Tangier by
at Cadiz. desire of his Excellency and Sir Hugh Cholmeley, we and the ketch
cleaned there. Having cleaned and victualled, we and the ketch
went by his Excellency's orders to Cadiz, to convoy a vessel to
Tangier laden with timber for the Mole, and afterwards we shall pro-
bably have orders to lie off Sallee. The victuallers at Tangier use
us very unkindly, saying they have no order from Sir Denis to
supply us with victuals, and will not pay necessary moneys. They
also refuse to take empty casks and biscuit bags. [*Ibid.* No. 25.]
- May 11. Robert Mayor to the same. Desiring a warrant to Deptford to
receive from Thomas Ware about 30 loads of elm timber. [*Ibid.*
No. 26.]

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May 11. Capt. Anthony Deane to Commissioner Tippetts. Desiring a speedy supply of pitch, tar, and rosin; doubting, as the *Yarmouth* is so worm eaten, if sheathing will serve her turn, and desiring plank for the *Nightingale*. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 27.]
- May 11. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing him to have William Whitehall. Glascock constituted one of the Commissioners of Appeals for the duties of excise and new impost in the place of Sir William Usher, deceased. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 8, p. 47.]
Draft thereof, dated the 10th. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 80.]
- May 11. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Granting him licence to come over on private affairs, and appointing the Archbishop of Dublin, the Chancellor, and Sir Arthur Forbes, the Marshal, as Lords Justices during his absence. [*Draft, containing several clauses not in the draft of 25 April. Ibid.* No. 81.]
- [May ?] Elizabeth, widow of Col. Devereux Wolseley, to the King. Petition praying for the fine of 200*l.* to be paid by John Ferrers, for the reversion of the manor of Walton; her husband having brought 1,200 arms and raised 100 dragoons at his own charge for the late King, when he set up his standard at Nottingham, and continued colonel of a foot regiment till the end of the war, spending therein her portion, which was considerable, and so leaving her and her daughter in very low condition. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 206.]
- May 12. Reference thereof to the Treasury Commissioners. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, p. 155.]
- [May] Report by Lord Ashley and Sir Thomas Clifford on the said petition, that there was no objection to a grant to her, in consideration of her late husband's services and loyalty, of the said fine. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 207.]
- [1671 ?]
[May 12 ?] Petition of Baroness Anna Jacobine, daughter of John Adam von Carpe (or Karpff), Germany, widow of von Dewitz, to Lord Arlington, to remind the King of her petition, delivered by her into his own hands, a fortnight before, with commendatory letters from the Duke of Wurtemberg and city of Frankfort, for payment of moneys disbursed by her father on his Majesty's service beyond seas; she is a stranger, and has spent most of what she brought with her in an expensive voyage. [*Ibid.* No. 208.]
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May 12. Proclamation forbidding any shipmasters bound for any voyage Whitehall. for which a convoy is appointed, to put to sea without the convoy, as by so doing they often become a prey to Turks and Moors, who are thus encouraged to hold out, and not to yield to peace on reasonable terms. [*Ibid.* No. 209, and *S.P. Dom., Proclamations, Vol.* 3, p. 287.]
- May 12. James Blackborne to James Hickes. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 210.] Plymouth.
- May 12. Richard Watts to Williamson. An acquaintance from Dunkirk Deal. says the French King has arrested all Dutch vessels there. [*Ibid.* No. 211.]

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Warrant to the Clerk of the Signet to prepare a warrant to the Commissioners of the Treasury for payment to Colonel John Pinchback of 300*l.* out of the first fines to arise from the Duchy of Cornwall, and also of the fines to be received for renewing leases in Stratton-supra-fosse, in Somerset, and of a copyhold in the manor of Portloe, both parcel of the said Duchy. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 102.*]

May 12.

Reference to the Lord Keeper and the Bishop of the diocese of the petition of Charles Asfordby, clerk, desiring that his case may be referred to them. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33, p. 155.*]

May 12.

Warrant to the Clerk of the Signet to prepare a bill granting to Christian Harrell, Apothecary in ordinary to the Household, the annual fee of 40*l.*, being the usual fee belonging to the said place. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 86.*]

Docquet thereof, dated the 22nd. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 70.*]

May 12.

Warrant to the Board of Greencloth for adding to the establishment of the Household an allowance of 60*l. per annum* to the said Christian Harrell for board wages, and also a badge of Court, or 12*l. per annum* in lieu thereof. [*Ibid.*]

May 12.

Grant to Mrs. Lelis Cranmer, dresser to the Queen, of 400*l.*, and a further grant of 300*l. per annum* during her life. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 86.*]

Docquet of the grant of the pension, dated the 22nd. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 71.*]

May 12.

Warrant to the Lord Steward and Board of Greencloth for payment to the said Mrs. Cranmer of 60*l. per annum* in lieu of board wages. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 86.*]

May 12.

Privy seal for 1,000*l.* to Richard Utting for secret service, out of the remainder of the Queen's portion. [*Ibid.*]

Docquet thereof, dated the 20th. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 68.*]

May 12.

Pass for Sir Robert Southwell to go to Ireland for six months. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 86.*]

May 12.

Warrant to Sir Stephen Fox reducing the pay of the privates of the company of Guards sent to Rochester to 8*d.* a day during their stay there, the same as that of the other garrisons, from 10*d.*, their pay when in attendance on the King. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35A, f. 23.*]

May 12.

Warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley for delivery to Capt. Manley of 150 beds and 300 pair of sheets for the garrison of Jersey, in exchange for a like number worn out, and also of 100 arms for Capt. Manley's company, in exchange for their defective arms. [*Ibid.*]

May 12.

Warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley for delivery of 300 matchlock and 100 snapance muskets, 400 bandaliers and 100 long pikes for Upnor Castle, and of the like number for Chatham. [*Ibid. f. 24.*]

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May 12. Two similar warrants for 60 muskets and 60 carbines for York, and for 6,000 matchlock and 1,000 snaphance muskets, 7,000 bandaliers, 1,000 carbines, 1,000 pistols with holsters, and 1,000 swords with belts, for Portsmouth. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35A, f. 24.*]
- May 12. Grant naturalising the ships *Daniel* and *Joseph*. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 1.*]
- May 12. Similar grant for the *St. George* of Galway. [*Ibid. p. 2.*]
- May 12. Warrant for making John Jacobs a denizen of England. [*Ibid.*]
- May 12. Warrant to pay to the use of the Queen Mother 15,000*l.*, formerly payable to Sir Henry Wood for her use out of the hearth money, but now payable, under several assignments, to Edward Backwell, who furnished the same. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 62.*]
- May 12. Commissioner Cox to the Navy Commissioners. One thousand
Chatbam. yards of cotton listed according to the surveyor's desire were sent hence. The *Sovereign* was brought to-day from Gillingham to moorings above Upnor Castle. It is reported the *Kent* is lost on the Middle Ground. I have committed Wyatt, a hoyman, for having on board nails and spikes of which he will not acknowledge the owner. I received your warrant for entering men on the *Hadereen* fireship, and suggest doing so for the other two fireships in the river. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 28.*]
- May 12. T. Wilson to the same. In reply to their letter of the 9th, stating
Chatbam. what timber is coarse and rubbish timber, and mentioning on what contracts such timber may be brought in without any breach of trust on his part, as by them the purveyor has the trust of choosing and marking, so that nothing remains to be done at the crane but to refuse all not so marked, and to receive what is marked. [*Ibid. No. 29.*]
- May 12. Capt. Roger Strickland to the same. The pilot, who had a
The *Kent*, in warrant from the Trinity House, ran us aground at the top of high
Yarmouth water on the Middle Ground at Winterton Ness. I ordered three
Roads. laden colliers to anchor by me, intending to have emptied one of them and then put our guns and shot into her, but as she could not float to us, we were forced to desist from that. I hoped the bailiffs of Yarmouth, to whom I had sent an express, would have sent us a light vessel, but they could not. We heaved 20 guns overboard and almost all our shot, having staved all the liquor in the ship, and hove her off at the top of high water without any further damage. I shall secure the pilot till further order. The guns and other things hove overboard was clearly the preservation of the ship, which can never be recovered, only some of the carriages came ashore at Winterton Ness. [*Ibid. No. 30.*] *Enclosed,*
A list of the guns and shot thrown overboard. [*Ibid. No. 30i.*]
- May 12. The King to the Commissioners of the Treasury in Scotland.
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coming in, and carriages and platforms to be provided for the guns there. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 149.*]

May 12.
Whitehall.

Protection to John Lord Belhaven from arrests and executions for civil claims for three years. [*Ibid. p. 150.*]

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Warrant for a commission to James Earl of Loudoun to sell, with the consent of the Commissioners of the Exchequer, annuities of teinds at ten years' purchase to the proprietors of the lands till the principal sum of 20,000*l.* sterling, with interest thereon from 7 May 1642, be fully satisfied. [*Docquet. Ibid. pp. 151.*]

May 12.
Whitehall.

Warrant for the appointment of Andrew Anderson, printer to the city and college of Edinburgh, to be the King's Master Printer in Scotland for 41 years from the expiration of the old gift to Robert Young and Evan Tyler for 31 years from 13 June 1641, with the exclusive right of printing Acts of Parliament, proclamations, and other public documents, and also Bibles, Testaments, books of divinity commentaries, books of the common or civil law, school books, grammars, confessions of faith, catechisms, kalendars, primers, &c. [*Docquet. Ibid. pp. 153.*]

May 12.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing him to have a grant passed to Col. Richard Talbot, in fee simple, of the new quit-rents payable out of the lands late of James Allen and Dame Mary Allen, deceased, situated in the barony of Newcastle and county Dublin, in the county Wicklow, in the barony of Duleek and county Meath, and in the barony of Salt and county Kildare, amounting in all to 240*l.* 4*s.* 4½*d.*, together with the arrears thereof, he paying therefor the crown rent of 26*l.* 0*s.* 3*d.*, payable in 1641. [2½ pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 48.*]

May 13.
Algiers Bay.

Sir Edward Spragg to [Williamson]. I have not heard from you this long time, and hope you will not forget to continue still your former favours to me. By this narrative, you will find what great success we have had of late upon our enemies in this part of the world. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 212.*]
Enclosed,

1. *The said narrative.* "Upon the 20th of April last, having cleaned at Port Mahon and come to an anchor in Algiers Bay, the Victory fireship only in company with me, I discovered the Mary, Hampshire, and rest of my frigates in the offing, who had been some time from me abroad cruising. I weighed and stood with them, when at my coming up I received the good news that four Algier men-of-war and two prizes were put into Bugea, and that the Hampshire and Dragon had forced ashore, near Tadellis, a man-of-war of 20 guns belonging likewise to Algier, richly laden, bound into the Levant, which the enemy put fire to themselves, upon which intelligence I made the best of my way for Bugea, where I arrived upon the 30th of the same, with the Mary, Dragon, Advice, Garland, Portsmouth pink, and Victory

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fireship, and had a fair gale which carried me within half-shot of the castles, where I found their number increased to ten sail, hauled close under their walls in twelve foot water. The wind failed me, so that I did nothing upon them that night, but came to an anchor. The 2nd of May I made another attempt, but after an hour's battering with the castles and forts, the wind came contrary, dolour'd, and proved dead calm, and so continued until the 8th following, upon which day at noon a very fair breeze favoured me at east, and carried us into four fathom water, where we anchored, and brought our ships to pass, and after an hour's battering their castles and ships, I sent in three of my boats, commanded and manned with brave, resolute men, to cut their boom, who accordingly performed that service very well. Immediately upon it, the gale freshened and continued, till my fireship was aboard of them, and put them all in a flame, burning every ship to a coal, seven of which were the very best and choice men-of-war in Algier, among whom was their Admiral; the others were three prizes, a Genoese, a small Englishman, and a Cetea*. Upon the 10th, about eleven at night, a Dutchman, who has been a slave in Algier for three years (and now with his patron who commanded one of these ships), made his escape by swimming on board me, who tells me for certain, that they confess 360 of their best men and upwards, all Turks, soldiers in pay, lost their lives on board the respective ships by fire and gunshot that could not get ashore, but he says he believes a great many more, for that their ships were all extraordinarily well manned, to the number of about 1,800 or 1,900 men, besides 300 that arrived there that morning from Algier, who were all, in our view, received in great triumph. The castles and town [are] miserably torn, with an infinite number of the inhabitants killed and wounded, and that which fell out very luckily to second this success was, that all their chirurgeons' chests were burnt on board their ships, that they have not the least medicine to dress a wound with. The whole dispute lasted four hours, after which, the wind dying, I warped off. Old Treky, their Admiral, is likewise wounded, who came with the chiefest commanders in Algier, to order things in the best method for securing these ships, most of which were killed and wounded. He also affirms that these ships were purposely commanded out by the Divan to find me and fight me, when and wherever they [met] me, and to that end all the best guns in the ships left in the Mole were taken out and mounted in these, but eight of which in each ship were got ashore to lighten them, the better to haul them under their castles. The rest are all burnt and spoiled." [More than two pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 2121.]

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2. A list of the ships burnt at Bugea.

—	Commanders' Names.	Guns.	Years.
<i>The White Horse</i> - -	Tabarek Reis - - -	34	4
<i>Orange Tree</i> - - -	Courhali - - -	34	4
<i>Three Cypress Trees</i> -	Charam Hammett - -	34	$\frac{1}{2}$
<i>Three Half Moons</i> - -	Braham Tagrin - - -	28	2
<i>Pearl</i> - - - - -	Braham Turco - - -	26	8
<i>Golden Crown</i> - - -	Halywa Tagarin - - -	24	$\frac{1}{8}$
<i>Half Moon</i> - - - -	Hammett - - - - -	24	$\frac{1}{3}$
Three Prizes - - - -	—	—	—
A man-of-war burnt near Tadellis	—	20	—

Turks Commanders slain :—

Mehemet Segara, Mantacervali Butter Coper, Dansiker Renegado, Braham Reis, Coarhali Reis, his renegado, a Genoese, and next Captain under him. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 212II.]

[May ?] George Robinson to the King. Petition, stating that the petitioner, as executor of Sir Martin Noel, agreed with John Annand for the sale of a plantation in the Barbadoes, belonging to the deceased, for 2,000*l.*, and that the said Annand paid or secured 1,300*l.* thereof; that the said Annand then filed a bill in Chancery to be released from the said agreement, alleging it was conditional, to which the petitioner put in several answers, alleging it was absolute; that the petitioner released the said Annand and repaid the said money with damages, but that the said Annand still continues the Chancery suit, and also brought an information for perjury in the King's Bench against the petitioner on his answers, which was tried last Easter Term, and the petitioner was found guilty on the sole evidence of articles drawn by a scrivener, who expressed (by mistake) the said agreement as conditional, though really absolute; and that the petitioner then obtained a writ of error to the House of Lords, which abated by reason of the prorogation; and praying the King's pardon. *At foot,*

May 13. *Reference thereof to the Attorney-General. [Ibid. No. 213.] Annexed,*

May 13. *Appointment by the Attorney-General of Tuesday next, the 16th, for hearing the said matter. [Ibid. No. 213I.]*

[May 16.] *Report by the Attorney-General that Robinson was justly found guilty, but whether it were wilfully and corruptly sworn, or through forgetfulness and inadvertence, he cannot determine, and that the King might undoubtedly pardon, if he be graciously pleased. [Ibid. No. 213II.]*

May 13. News-letter to Robert Stanton at St. Edmund's Bury. [The first part is identical with that of 9 May. It continues:] On the 10th Sir John Keeling, Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench, died. Lord Bellasis is returned from the French Court, and the Count de Grammont come over from the French King as Envoy with further com-

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pliments to the King. The French persons of quality here are daily treated by some or other, on the 10th by Lord Newport, Controller of the Household. The great preparations of the Turk, both by sea and land, make most judge that he has some design in hand. The Grand Vizier has published what great encouragement he will give to any that shall come who have skill in making bridges for the passage of his men. He is said to intend going as far as Buda to see all settled there, and the Grand Signior to [A]Natolia. On the report of the march of the Bishop of Münster's army, all the country people about Cologne and Berg were ordered to be in arms. French letters of the 16th [N.S.] say they are advised from Rochefort but five out of thirty-five ships were in equipage or in any condition to put to sea, and that they are designed for Sallee. From Germany 'tis said on April 20-30 Counts Nadasti, Frangipani, &c., were beheaded, and Count Tutenback and twenty-eight more of quality expected the same fate. The King, having shown care for the redemption of his captive subjects and ordered constant convoys for protecting merchants, on the 11th ordered a proclamation to be issued, giving notice to all merchants, &c., that if in future they shall be taken going without convoy, they shall not be redeemed on public account. The 11th, in a wilful convocation at Cambridge for the election of a Chancellor in place of the Earl of Manchester, they unanimously chose the Duke of Buckingham. The 12th, the corpse of the Earl of Manchester was carried towards Kimbolton, the place of burial, attended by so many coaches as showed the high respect he was held in. [Account of the *Kent* and *Nonsuch* frigates, the same as in Bower's letter of the 10th.] The 9th, the *Guinea* frigate, coming into Weymouth Road from Guinea, having touched at Barbadoes, states that the island, as well as Bridge Town, is almost free of the contagion. The Marquis de Ragni, sent as Envoy Extraordinary to compliment his Majesty, is returned with a present of the King's picture set in diamonds, to the value of 1,000*l*. The French King on the 15th intends to go towards Lille. Old Blood was on the 12th brought from the Tower to Court, where he was privately examined by his Majesty, Royal Highness, &c. Dutch letters of the 9th say that on the Duke of Lorraine's sending his forces in assistance of the Elector of Cologne, the States have resolved to send more forces in assistance of the city. The Prince of Orange was in good health. The Grand Signior has ordered all his subjects in Hungary, &c., to deliver up all the rebels into the hands of the Emperor, for preserving the amity between the two empires. [Over 3 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 214.]

May 13.
Hull.

Luke Bourne, for Charles Whittington, to Williamson. The *Blessing* and *Increase* from Nantes, with wine and brandy, report that the French are sending out twelve men-of-war and three flyboats, of which six are to cruise about Lisbon, and the others to lie off Sallee, and the flyboats to be sunk in that river to hinder their vessels coming into that harbour. [*Ibid.* No. 215.]

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Milford.

John Powell to James Hikes. Shipping news. [*Ibid.* No. 216.]

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May 13. Dr. Lancelot Bolton to Viscount Conway. Mr. Seymour and I waited on Lord Orrery the first day's journey. I lost the last post by attending Mr. Secretary at Putney for his letter to you. Mr. Waite carries your patent and a present of snuff from Mr. Progers. Lady Clanbrassil is coming over with the Lord Lieutenant. The design is laid to catch his Majesty, and the manager Lord Arran. Dick Coote is also here, hoping some profit thereby. [*Conway Papers. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 217.*]
- May 13. John, Lord Frescheville, to Lord Arlington. I hope the King will not be displeased that I am disabled from serving him at York. During my six years' service I have found the humour of the people impatient of a stranger. I hope I have not been very disagreeable to them, yet in zeal for the service recommend Sir Thos. Slingsby, who commands the York militia, to serve his Majesty there. I submit that the troop should do duty under the same officers, or be transferred to his command for a fitting recompense to himself. [*Ibid. No. 218.*]
- May 13. Warrant to Sir George Carteret, Vice-Chamberlain of the Household, to swear the Earl of St. Albans as Lord Chamberlain, in the place of the Earl of Manchester, deceased. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Books 21, f. 91, and 34, f. 92.*]
- [May 13.] Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 219.*]
- [May ?] Warrant to the Attorney-General to prepare a commission appointing Sir Samuel Morland, Sir John James, Sir R. Huntington, William Forth, Richard Kingdon, and Sir Robert Southwell, Chief Commissioners of Excise, with a salary of 500*l. per annum* each. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 86.*]
- May 13. Docquet of the said commission. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 63.*]
- May 13. Joseph Laurence to the Navy Commissioners. I marked one
Chatham. parcel of Mr. Bolling's timber at Eastwell, as to which he begs directions to which dockyard he shall transport it. I have not marked the other parcel mentioned in his contract till I receive your directions, the major part being very ordinary coarse timber, and small. Lord Winchelsea gave me leave to choose a score more oaks which he is willing to fell, and also is minded to fell some ash with about twenty large oaks in it near his house, of which he is willing to give his Majesty the first offer. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 31.*]
- May 13. Phineas Pett to the same. When his Majesty was on board the
Chatham Dock. *Prince*, he said her head and stern should be gilt, so I humbly desire your order that Mr. Walker may go forward therewith. [*Ibid. No. 32.*]
- May 13. The same to the same. In reply to their letter of the 9th, stating
Chatham Dock. that a very large quantity of the timber supplied on the contracts named in the margin was coarse and rubbish, but that his Majesty may not have been injured thereby if the price corresponded to the timber, or an abatement was made thereon on perusal of his certificates, as to which he cannot give any judgment, being wholly

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a stranger to the Commissioners' proceedings. Some was refused by himself and the storekeeper when it came to the dock, but was afterwards commanded to be received into the stores by the Commissioner, whose orders he judges they are to obey. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 33.] *Enclosed,*

The heads of the four contracts named in the margin, with observations on the timber supplied under each. [2½ pages. *Ibid.* No. 331.]

May 13.
Lisburn.

Quarter-Master Robert Thelwall to Viscount Conway. Explaining his negotiations with his lieutenant, who had agreed to give up his place for 300*l.*, his cornet to become lieutenant and Thelwall cornet, and concerning the quarters of the troop. [2½ pages. *Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 82.]

May 13.

Williamson to Sir Heneage Finch, A.G. Enclosing a King's letter, granting a certain quit-rent out of the lands lately belonging to James Allen to Col. Talbot, for his perusal, to know if it may be safely allowed to pass. *On the back,*

May 13.

Sir Heneage Finch to Williamson. Replying that the form of the warrant was very good and proper. [*Ibid.* No. 83.]

May 13.
London.

The King to the Vice-Treasurer of Ireland. Directing him to pay to Col. Richard Talbot 2,000*l.*, the balance still unpaid out of the 4,000*l.* directed to be paid him by letters of 3 April 1669, out of the first moneys that shall come into his hands on account of arrears of revenue, payable before 2 July 1667, and in case any such moneys have been otherwise disposed of, then out of any other moneys that are in, or shall come into, his hands. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 46.*]

Two drafts thereof, one dated the day of 1670-71, in the 23rd year of our reign, and therefore in the previous February or March. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, Nos. 84, 85.]

May 13.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. About the unlawful fishing at Kinsale. (Following the tenor of the order of 15 June 1663, enclosed in the Lord Lieutenant's letter of 22 April calendared *ante*, p. 196, except that the close time is to begin from 1 April instead of 1 June.) [1½ page. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 50.*]

May 14.
Hinchbrook.

The Earl of Sandwich to Lord Arlington. Being yesterday at Kimbolton, at the Earl of Manchester's burial, a Justice of Bedfordshire gave me the enclosed, which are such that I thought it my duty to put them speedily into your hands. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 220.] *Enclosed,*

May 11.

John Neale to the Earl of Sandwich. Enclosing the following examination, and stating that the miller, being an ignorant man, did not apprehend the man. [*Ibid.* No. 2201.] *Enclosed,*

May 10.

The examination of Thomas Ferris of Deane, in Bedfordshire. A footman in very poor clothes, without anything about his neck, in shoes that would scarce hang on his feet, of a middle age, came on 29 April to his house, and desired beer and

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lodging in his barn, which being granted, he thrust 6d. into the miller's wife's hand, saying that he had been carrying letters about for these roguish Papists, till he was very weary and very dry. He told them he had been in Norfolk to carry letters to a popish gentleman of 500l. a year, who kept thirty horses furnished for war in a vault under ground, which were brought out in his sight and exercised in the night. The gentleman's servants told him that there are in that country those that keep sixty and eighty apiece of like horses, so furnished and so trained, but would not tell him the gentleman's name, but said he lived in a town in Norfolk called Orage, or some such name. Also said that he was continually employed in carrying letters about to Papists all over England, and very often to London, where he was told by an acquaintance that, when the French landed, the Papists and they would join sure enough; and that about the middle of June (as near as he could gather amongst them) he thought would be the time when the blow would be given. His guest seemed very fearful of every one he saw coming towards the house, and inquired of him who it was, and in several particulars discovered much fearfulness. He would not tell the miller what his own name was, nor who they were that sent him on those errands, nor where they lived, but said those Popish families, to which he carried letters, went once a month to church, most of them. The miller says his speech differed from that of this country, and, as near as he could guess by it, he was an Oxfordshire man, or some remoter Western county. The miller's house is a lonely one near the road between Norfolk and the West, and from it may be seen every one coming a mile off almost round about. He had good store of half-crowns about him, which he showed the miller, though his habit was so very poor. He rested with the miller the Sabbath day, but would not go to church, and persuaded him not to go. He carried with him a loose pair of linings, having in them some light carriage, which he would not let any of the miller's house see, nor would he ever leave them, when he went from one room to another, but laid them under his head at night when he slept, which the miller believed was a great number of letters, and it looked like a great bundle of them. Though by his speech he was apparently a far countryman, he knew the names of all the towns hereabouts, and what counties they were in—for three counties meet near the miller's house—which manifested him to have travelled often that way. When asked how he knew the names of these towns and their counties so well, he answered that he had their names set down in writing in his note of directions for his journey, and that he could read written hand, though he went so raggedly. The miller believes that he was very free from any distemper by drink, both when he came first, and all the time he continued with him. [Ibid. No. 220II.]

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May 14. James Blackburne to James Hickes. Shipping news. [*S.P. Dom., Plymouth. Car. II. 289, No. 221.*]

May 14. Charles Collier, for Hugh Salesbury, to Williamson. These parts Portsmouth. afford little of news. [*Ibid. No. 222.*]

May 14. Anthony Deane to Williamson. Humbly begging that his son, Portsmouth. the first opportunity, be recommended and go into France, "lest the time he stays in town at a loose rate should procure a tincture not easily removed," and complaining that he has not given him a line since his departure. [*Ibid. No. 223.*]

May 14. Capt. John Turner to the Navy Commissioners. I request some The *Tiger*, in stores as per the officers' notes enclosed. I should have had a new the Downs. mizen yard, the other being old, rotten, and spliced, and condemned at the Portsmouth Dockyard, but I heard nothing of it till Monday morning, when we were so busy unmooring that I could not send a longboat's crew for it, and indeed imagined it might be a pretence of the officers and others that were taking leave of their wives and relations ashore to have the boat come for them, and so sailed to St. Helen's, where the master attendant came aboard and offered that his boat (he having a design to press two or three idle fellows for me) should tow the yard, when she brought the men. The boat came with one lusty fellow, but he sent me word no yard could come till the old one came ashore, when they might have had the old one brought ashore by the boat that brought the new, but I thought it unreasonable to send my boat and leave the ship without a yard, so I ask a new one to be sent. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 34.*]

May 14. Capt. Anthony Deane to the same. Wanting materials for sheath- Portsmouth. ing the *Diamond* and suggesting her going unsheathed, as her bottom being old and full of stumps of nails, the worm will scarce touch her; requesting a supply of materials, and asking for an order for some forty men to go into the New Forest to hew the frame of the ship. [*Ibid. No. 35.*]

May 14. Capt. William Poole to the same. Advising them of his arrival Plymouth. there with the *Guernsey* in 25 days from Cadiz, and that he has on board the King's plate, which went out to accommodate Lord Falconberg. [*Ibid. No. 36.*]

Monday, Humphrey Weld to the Earl of Craven. Yesterday, towards May 14 evening, having notice that a considerable number of loose people [15]. were got together two or three streets from me, and were attempting upon a house, I immediately sent for the constables to go with good guards to disperse them, secure the ringleaders, and bring them before me. Finding them, however, to be too numerous, they ventured to apprehend only some few that stood outmost, and hurrying them away as fast as they could, by the time they were well within my gates, the rest made after them, attempted to break open my doors, fell upon the watchmen, broke their halberts, flung brickbats and stones up against my house, cried out: "This is the grand Justice that hangs and quarters us all, and caused Jones and Wright to be executed the last sessions;" divided

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themselves into two parties, sent one to beset the back lane behind my garden, having information given them that I sent prisoners out that way to avoid a rescue, and had not the Horse Guards opportunely fell in upon them, as they lay battering before my house, it had not been in my power to have prevented a further mischief. [1½ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 224.]

May 15.
Clerkenwell
Close.

Mr. Justice Peter Sabbs to the Earl of Craven. On complaint to me yesterday afternoon about four, of a riotous sort of people met on Saffron Hill, who did much harm by pulling down a great part of William Rogers' house and had questionless designed and acted a worse mischief had they not been prevented, the constables and their assistants being unable to disperse the tumult, consisting of 500 and upwards, I was forced to desire the assistance of Lieut. Lassells, an officer in your regiment of guards. I went with him, whose guard was four or five files of musketeers, which he dispersed into two or three parties, and placed them in ambuscades, so that when any attempts were made on the houses the soldiers immediately fell on them. Four were taken and committed to gaol by me. For particulars, I refer you to Lieut. Lassells, who, himself, was not a little abused by the rabble, and whose great diligence and readiness in suppressing the same deserves encouragement. [*Ibid.* No. 225.]

May 15.
Lyme.

Anthony Thorold to James Hicke. The *Mayflower* and *Success* from Croisic say that, at their sailing ten days ago, it was reported that the French King had ordered some of his ships, with a considerable number of soldiers on board, to go to Malta to secure it against the Great Turk, who is said to have a design on it. At Belle Isle they saw two sixty-gun French men-of-war. [*Ibid.* No. 226.]

May 15.
Oxford.

Dr. Henry Compton to Williamson. There is but one means more I can think of to give me ease in that affair I told you of, which is, if Lord Arlington has any negotiation requiring diligence and integrity, be it for more or less time, as none shall despatch it with more fidelity, so it might be an infinite obligation to me in that particular I formerly acquainted you with. [*Ibid.* No. 227.]

May 15.
Weymouth.

John Pocock to James Hicke. Shipping news. [*Ibid.* No. 228.]

May 15.
Chester.

John Richardson to Lord Conway. Informing him that his four servants had sailed that day week for Ireland, and enclosing a note of his expenses. [*Conway Papers.* *Ibid.* No. 229.]

May 15.
Barnwell,
Northampton-
shire.

Nathaniel Smith to Thomas Rawbone (Raban). The bearer has been desired to wait on you and to inquire when you will be ready to make up the accounts with me for the hearth money for Northamptonshire. [*Ibid.* No. 230.]

May 15.

Warrant to the Keeper of the Gatehouse to receive John Buxton for dangerous practices and combinations with Thomas Blood and his son, and to keep him close prisoner. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 86.]

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May 15. Warrant to Matthew Butler, to receive the said Buxton and convey him to the Gatehouse. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 86.*]
- May 15. Phineas Pett and Joseph Lawrence to William Hewer. Sending an estimate of the cost of painting a room in the storekeeper's house. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 37.*]
- May 15. Thomas Eliot to Samuel Peppis (Pepys). Requesting, at the instance of Mr. Browne, bailiff of the town, the discharge of John Wells, pressed into the *Mary Rose*, and also on his own account that of John Briggs, pressed into the *Crown*, as he and his father were the two faithful friends that stood by him at the last election for burgesses. [*Ibid. No. 38.*] *Enclosed,*
The said John Browne to the same. Making the same request.
[*Ibid. No. 38I.*]
- May 15. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing him to place on the establishment the salary of 20s. *per diem* to Sir John Stevens, as prayed by his petition of 17 March, to commence from the date of these letters. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 55.*]
Draft thereof. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 86.*]
Draft of a similar letter, differing in some respects, and in particular beginning the salary from Michaelmas 1669. [*Ibid. No. 87.*]
- May 15. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing that the Earl of Arran be allowed the pay of two common soldiers out of each field company, and that of one out of every other company in the regiment of Guards under his command. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 97.*]
- May 16. James Blackborne to James Hickes. Shipping news. [*S.P. Dom., Plymouth. Car. II. 289, No. 231.*]
- May 16. Charles Collier, for Hugh Salesbury, to Williamson. Here is Portsmouth. nothing of news. [*Ibid. No. 232.*]
- May 16. Dr. Lancelot Bolton to Viscount Conway. The Lord Lieutenant, on second considerations, intends to stay in Ireland as long as he can. He has played Lord Ranelagh an ill trick. He writes to him asking what judgment was made here of his coming over, and railed at Lords Ormonde and Arlington, that they clogged his government. Lord Ranelagh advised him to stay, and, if he came, not to compliment his enemies, but deal plainly and complain of them, and gave him some other hints for his service, all which, without any cause, he discovered to the Duke of Ormonde, and that Lord Ranelagh endeavoured to put them at variance. The Duke is displeased with Lord Ranelagh, but esteems the great captain very unworthy. This story I had to-day from Secretary Trevor, as he had it from the Duke. Lord Ranelagh will find it a hard work to effect his business, so many interests labour against it for their private profit, the King's hands being tied up by his undertaking. Lord St. John and Mr. Gye (?) fought a duel this morning, but no hurt done; Sir Fretchvill Hollis second to the lord. My Lieutenant, I hear,

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reckons himself well assured by the Lord Lieutenant's grant to him, notwithstanding your patent, and hopes to make yours void by the great captain's help. Lord Ranelagh has his mouth open against the great warrior, and will never forgive him. [*Conway Papers. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 233.*]

May 16. Warrant discharging John Buxton. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 89.*]

May 16. Two warrants to Robert Oseler, the first to take into custody Charles Muddiford, and to seize his papers and writings; the second to deliver him to the Lieutenant of the Tower. [*Ibid.*]

May 16. Warrant to the Lieutenant of the Tower to receive and keep in custody Charles Muddiford, for matters relating to misdemeanours committed by his father, Sir Thomas Muddiford. [*Ibid.*]

May 16. Phineas Pett and Joseph Lawrence to the Navy Commissioners.
Chatham Dock. Reporting that the repairs of the *Lion* will exceed the estimate by 1,400*l.*, and suggesting they should be deferred till the *Antelope* is launched, and reporting that most of Squire Amherst's timber is bad. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 39.*]

May 16. G. Wharton and E. Sherburne to the same. We cannot send the
Ordnance Office. stores for Tripoli on board the *Love* till his Royal Highness has appointed someone to receive and indent for them. [*Ibid. No. 40.*]

May 16. John Shish to the same. Giving particulars of the masts and spars required for the *Argeire*, *Pearl*, and *Speedwell*. [3 pages. *Ibid. No. 41.*]

May 16. Capt. Jeffrey Pearce to the same. Announcing his arrival at
Eaglet ketch, Barbadoes. [*Ibid. No. 42.*]
at Barbadoes.

May 16. William Griffen, of the *Marigold* hoy, to the same. Enclosing a
Portsmouth. bill for his freight and expenses in fetching Sir R. Holmes' timber. [*Ibid. No. 43.*]

May 16. Robert Leigh to Williamson. Little news since my last except that
Dublin. of the bold attempt of that notorious villain, Thomas Blood, upon the crown, which makes all honest men rejoice that he is at last taken, as well in hopes that he will discover some of his fellow traitors and those that attempted to murder the Duke of Ormonde, as that he will receive the reward of his many wicked attempts, both here and in England. I have deferred sending the letter about our business, on account of scruples raised by our counsel. I enclose a draft letter given me by Dr. Topham, a Master in Chancery, which I request you to get signed. All the error about this marriage is that they omitted to sue for a dispensation before they were married, otherwise there was no difficulty, but the Primate says he cannot grant it without the King's letter. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 88.*] *Enclosed,*

The King to James Margattson, Primate of all Ireland. At the request of Henry Vaughan, of Buncranagh, co. Donegal, who married Margaret Carey, niece to his former wife, and

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prays to be dispensed from the penalty of the canon of the Church of Ireland, wherewith the King or the Judge of Faculties may dispense, according to the Act of Faculties passed in the reign of Henry VIII., requiring him to grant a dispensation as prayed. [S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 881.]

May 16.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. After reciting letters of 20 August 1661 to the then Lords Justices which directed the payment to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church of the arrears of the pension of 45*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, anciently granted out of the Exchequer to the said Church, and of the rent of 12*l.* payable to the same under a lease for 1,000 years of the rooms where the Courts in Dublin are held, for the repairing the said cathedral, and the due payment in future of the said pension and rent, but that they had received no benefit thereby, because the said letters were only to the then Lords Justices, directing that orders be effectually given for payment of the arrears of the said pension and rent, and for due payment of the same in future. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 53.*]

May 17.
Milford.

John Powell to James Hickes. Shipping news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 234.*]

May 17.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. The *Virgin* and *Success*, from Cadiz, say about fifty vessels came out with them, convoyed by the *Jersey* and *Guernsey* frigates. The English and Dutch men-of-war ply up and down so closely that the Argier men-of-war dare not appear. The Mole at Tangier goes on very prosperously. [*Ibid. No. 235.*]

May 17.

Warrant to the Attorney-General to take proceedings against Charles Pitfield, J.P., of Hogsden, in Middlesex, for evil words, tending to incite the people to dislike of the King and his Government. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Books 21, f. 91, and 34, f. 90.*]

May 17.

Warrant to the Attorney-General, after reciting that the deer in Hyde Park during the late troubles before the Restoration were totally destroyed, but the same was never disparked, and was now in the King's actual possession, and that he had resolved that it should be again replenished with deer, as it formerly was, to prepare a grant to James Hamilton, one of the Grooms of the Bed-chamber, of the office of keeper of the said park. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 92.*]

May 17.

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 289, No. 236.*]

May 17.

Confirmation of the election of the Earl of Peterborough as Recorder by the Corporation of Northampton. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 4.*]

May 17.
Chatham.

T. Wilson to the Navy Commissioners. Informing them that at ten that night he found no watch at the yard gate, save one asleep in his cabin, whose mate had gone and taken the keys with him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 44.*]

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May 17.
The *Kent*, at
the Buoy of the
Nore.

Captain Roger Strickland to the same. Desiring their orders concerning his pilot, expressing his opinion that Winterton Ness is no fit place for any of the fourth-rates to go through, hoping he will not be blamed for heaving the guns and other things overboard, since a light vessel could not be procured that tide, and had she lain another she would have made a dock in the sand never to be got out of, and requesting that what they think fit to allow to the three boats that came to assist be sent to the bailiff of Yarmouth for distribution. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 45.*]

May 17.
Lisburn.

William Magee to Viscount Conway. Concerning accounts and other business. [2 pages. *Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 89.*]

May 18.
Painted
Chamber.

The Lord Keeper and other the Commissioners for the Subsidy to Viscount Conway. Calling upon him, before 5 June, to signify under his hand the net value of all his personal estate, for which he is to pay, by 30 June, 6s. on every 100*l.*, and all offices or places of public employment held by or in trust for him, with the fees and profits thereof. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ page. *Conway Papers. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 1.*]

May 18.
Minehead.

John Man to Williamson. The King's yacht, the *Merlin*, arrived yesterday from taking Lords Orrery and Burlington to Youghal, and now waits to take Sir Robert Southwell to Ireland. [*Ibid. No. 2.*]

May 18.

Hugh Acland to James Hikes. Acknowledging his letter of the 13th. [*Ibid. No. 3.*]

May 18.

Warrant to the Attorney-General to prepare a grant to Lord George Palmer of the office of Sealer of Writs in the King's Bench and Common Pleas for the term of 21 years, to commence at the expiration or sooner determination of the current lease to the Earl of Suffolk, at the yearly rent of 1,653*l.* [$1\frac{1}{2}$ page. *Ibid. No. 4, and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 92.*]

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News-letter to Robert Aldworth, Town Clerk of Bristol. [The first part is identical with the last news-letter:] The 9th the *City of Faro* arrived at Falmouth, who said about 50 sail of Dutch merchantmen, with salt from St. Hubes (Ubes), passed by on the 8th. On the 14th his Majesty's ship the *Tiger* went to the Downs. Letters from Genoa of the 6th [N.S.] say the Algerines lie off Nizza and the Isle of Eres (Hyères), and had taken a Genoese bound thither from Marseilles. The Marquis of Spinola has bought of the Emperor the two Marquisates of Fustinova (Fasdinovo), so the Grand Duke was excluded from them. Two Dutch men-of-war from the Archipelago report at Leghorn that the *Return*, a small Bristol ship, being set upon by two Algier men-of-war, the master and men, being unable to defend their ship, fled aboard a Venetian, and escaped, the pirates not daring to attempt her. There was also advice of the taking of a Gallipoli ship, as is supposed by a Tripoline. The French King is by this supposed to have removed from Dunkirk, to visit Lille, Aeth, and Tournay, which four places are said to be

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rendered impugnable. Of the French army the common foot were most set out with crewell ribbons; the horse appeared more gallant, not so much for the richness as variety, all of the same troop being of the same garb, and yet most troops distinguished by a different habit. They observe an exact discipline, and hang by martial law, whereby some have already suffered, among others one of Lord Douglas's regiment. On the 7th Mr. Bertie, Envoy Extraordinary to the King of Denmark, landed at Hamburgh. At his passage by Gluckstadt his salute of seven guns was returned with three, but without any bullet to demand the lowering of the topsail, though they passed by very slowly, carried only with the tide, without any wind, contrary to the expectation of some, who had laid wagers that if they lowered not the castle would fire on them and sink them. The names of the rebels in Germany are rac'd (razed) out. Those of the name Nadasti are to take on them Da Croix, and those of Serini, De la Grace. They seemed very penitent, and Nadasti is said to have confessed many of the conspiracy who were not thought the least guilty. On the Grand Signior's order to deliver up all rebels within his territories to the Emperor, the Bassa of Waradine has sent seventeen. On the 14th the *Jersey* and *Guernsey* frigates arrived at Plymouth from the Straits. They convoyed 48 merchantmen, who kept together till they reached the Northern Cape, and then the merchants went each their own way. Several for London are already up the river. Lord Bellasis and Mr. Vaughan were very highly treated in France, and received presents to the value of 1,000*l.* and 500*l.* each. The persons who attempted the crown were English. Old Blood, a professor, in the late times had possessed himself of some small estate in Ireland, and forfeited it for being of the conspiracy to seize Dublin Castle, having escaped further punishment by flight, though pursued by proclamation. Since which, some say he was in the Northern conspiracy, and one of those that rescued Mason from the guard that were to carry him from the Tower to York for trial. Young Blood, his son, has lately exercised on the highway, and was but little before the attempt on the Duke of Ormonde let out of gaol on security. Parrot was a silk dyer, of the Anabaptists' Church, and oftentimes a teacher of that people. Their design, by their own confession, was only to make their own advantage by the jewels, &c. Orders are said to be sent to the Swedish Minister at the Hague, to endeavour, together with the States General, that the Emperor may be admitted into the Triple Alliance. The Elector and City of Cologne are in such a fair way of accommodation that the Baron de Isola is returned to Brussels. On the 21st De Ruyter received his commission, and though the Dutch have no apprehensions of danger from the French, their fleet has orders to pass to the Wielnigen. On the 17th the Duke of Monmouth returned from Dunkirk, where he was entertained with all the respect and kindness imaginable. It is generally concluded that Lord Chief Baron Hale is Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench; Sir Edward Turner, Speaker of the House of Commons, Lord Baron; and Mr. North, Solicitor-General in his place. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 5.*]

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May 18. Warrant to Sir Robert Long, Treasurer and Receiver-General of the revenues late in jointure to Henrietta Maria, the Queen Dowager, for payment thereof to Sir Thomas Bond of 2,340*l.*, with interest thereon from 15 February last past, 1670[-1], for the use of the Lord Abbot Montague for pictures and heads by him sold to the King. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Books 34, f. 90, and 48, p. 23.*]

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 6.*]

Docquet thereof dated the 19th. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 65.*]

May 18. Warrant for a pension of 200*l. per annum* to Madam Mary Carter, nurse of the late Duchess of Orleans, and for a grant to her of 300*l.*, the arrears of a former pension. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 90.*]

Docquet thereof dated the 24th. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 73.*]

[May 18.] Warrant for a pension of 120*l. per annum* to Sieur Guitault, page to the late Duchess of Orleans, from Lady Day 1670. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 48, p. 22.*]

May 18. Minute thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 90.*]

Docquet thereof dated the 24th. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 73.*]

May 18. *Congé d'elire* to the Dean and Chapter of Worcester, with a recommendation of Dr. Walter Blandford, Bishop of Oxford, to be elected Bishop of Worcester, in place of Dr. Skinner, deceased. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 13.*]

May 18. *Congé d'elire* to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford, with a recommendation of Dr. Nathaniel Crew, Clerk of the Closet, to be elected Bishop of Oxford, in the room of Dr. Blandford. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Docquets of the last two *Congés d'elire* and letters missive dated the 20th. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 66.*]

May 18. Grant of the Deanery of the Chichester, void by promotion of Dr. Crew to the Bishopric of Oxford, to Dr. Lambrook Thomas. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 13.*]

May 18. Warrant to the Earl of Oxford, Justice in Eyre on this side Trent. Whereas the knowledge of the true bounds of Kingswood Chace, in Gloucestershire, which has been stocked with a considerable number of deer, and of the places where the ancient lodges stood, being uncertain, near 300 cottages are lately built dispersedly on the wastes, and great quantities of waste ground laid to them, new coalpits and quarries are daily opened, and old ones not stopped up, several encroachments, nuisances, and purpresures and other offences are daily made and committed there, the common of the said wastes overburthened and depastured by persons having no right, and the woods and covers cut and destroyed; desiring him to issue out such commissions and put in execution such effectual course for ascertaining the bounds of the said chace, and the places where the lodges ought to be built, and for the

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abating of the said cottages and the hearing and punishing such offences as shall by him be thought most conducive to the King's service. [S.P. Dom., *Entry Book* 36, p. 3.]

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The *Revenge*,
in Alicante
Road.

Richard Gibson to the Navy Commissioners. I enclose a list of the coming in and going out of all ships from my arrival at Mahon till the 9th instant, when I left by the Admiral's order on the *Newcastle* with the *Milford*, leaving the *Adventure* with orders to tallow. On Friday the 12th we met the Admiral within four leagues of the Barbary shore going to Algiers, from which he was about 14 leagues eastward, in whose company were the *Dragon* and *Advice*, the wind easterly, so we got into Algiers Bay that night, where the Admiral, sending his boat ashore with a flag of truce, was suffered to come within less than musket shot, and forced away (with an intention to hit her, but did not) by many great guns; so angry are they, and indeed not without cause, the Admiral on Monday sennight having (though he had by misfortune lost the *Rose* and *Spread Eagle* fireships before) with only his ship, the *Mary*, *Dragon*, *Advice*, *Garland*, and *Portsmouth* pink, so battered the town and castles of Bugia, and by his boats cut a great boom so as to make way for the *Victory* fireship to burn seven Algiers men-of-war (one the admiral's ship, and two others of their best men-of-war) and three prizes, one a Genoese of 30 guns. This brave exploit, which was managed with so great prudence, as amongst other things to lighten the *Victory* the night before to 8 feet of water or all had been fruitless, met with great opposition, all the captains in Algiers being there with a great many soldiers, occasioned by the Admiral's lying in sight nine days, attempting every day to get in, before the wind served. There is great loss of men on their side, as a Dutch captive, who swam off next night informs the Admiral, all their ships being rigged, manned, and ready to sail. The greatest loss on our side fell on the boats, which our ships could not help, though they were in musket shot, for nigher they could not come, the Admiral being in $3\frac{1}{2}$ and the fourth rates in 3 fathoms water. The Admiral had every man killed and wounded in his boat, save Mr. Harman, who is deservedly much commended, and is said to have cut the boom in half pistol shot under their biggest castle (where the chains reached not) and heads of their men-of-war. The *Mary's* boat being sunk at the boom by a great shot, all her sound men betook themselves to the Admiral's boat, and brought off Mr. Harman untouched. The *Mary*, *Garland*, and pink, were sent to Mahon with the wounded, above forty in number, and in all seventeen killed. All the commission and warrant officers are well, only Capt. Harris, Lieut. Pinn of the *Mary*, and the Lieut. of the *Dragon* are wounded. Capt. Herbert, about twenty-three days ago, was, by two Turks men-of-war, shot under the right eye with a pistol bullet, which is yet in his head. He had eleven of his men wounded with small shot at the same time, yet was able to manage his command at Bugia, and is past all danger. Our ships likewise put an Algiers ship of 20 guns ashore near Tadelles, who (to prevent being brought off) fired her themselves. The Admiral and the *Newcastle* are come hither, *Dragon* and *Advice* gone to water by Cape Martin, and

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Milford to Mahon to clean. He intends next for Mahon, and thence to Leghorn for a foremast for the *Revenge*, and will keep with him the *Revenge*, if he can get her a foremast, *Mary*, *Newcastle*, *Hampshire*, *Portsmouth* frigate (which two last are by a chase gone from their station), *Dragon*, *Adventure*, and *Milford*, and will send home the *Advice*, *Constant Warwick*, who a fortnight since sprung her mainmast, so as nothing but the wooldings keeps it together, her foremast being otherwise so bad, that they are afraid to carry sail on it, and *Garland*, designing the *Portsmouth* pink and *Deptford* frigate to cruise off Sallee. No masts are in store nor cordage, nor many blocks. I am going with the Admiral to Leghorn, and possibly to Messina, to buy masts, which, with payment of short allowance, building, &c., will exhaust the Admiral's money before Michaelmas. Therefore I pray a supply against that time to Leghorn, Alicante, or Cadiz, but most to Leghorn, which is the usefulest port for furnishing what we want, and in summer most frequented by our ships, the Turks shunning the Straits' mouth since their former great loss and that we have kept our ships clean, being resolved to quit Algiers for a time and sail out of the Levant. I pray that ships from England may have larger stores. Complaint has been made to the Admiral of the badness, scantiness, and small stock of sails they came out with. He says we have not such odds of the Turks by our sailing that we should think to take them with old and little sails. There are great complaints of the scantiness of colours and want of flags. The Admiral desires that every ship that comes out should bring two spare topmasts, to be left in store, and two fishes. The Admiral, ever since my coming to Mahon, has put the men on whole allowance, for the reasons mentioned, which shall not draw from England any provisions, beyond the eight months' flesh and pease and five months' oatmeal and pease, according to my proposal in my letter of March 2nd. Slops are arrived, and were much wanted, insomuch that the Admiral empowered me to furnish the fleet with shoes. He desires the lanterns and colours so often demanded be sent, and with them six dozen ship oars and some barge oars. He likewise ordered me to supply each purser with tallow at eight pieces of eight per cwt. I send my disbursements on the building, the Admiral having approved of it and given his warrant to proceed with it. Reasons for the necessity of building the storehouses—one, that the natives began to steal like devils, and two of my coopers brought to death's door by watching at nights, and the other began to reel, but wore it out by strength of body. I have changed the smith, and have the Admiral's order for it, and also by order have agreed with the surgeon of the *Golden Hand* to look after the sick and wounded who may be sent ashore into hospital. The Admiral is of opinion that longboats are of little use here; he desires glass, solder, leaden scuppers, white plates, and wire. I pray a line to Leghorn to say which of my letters have been received. I shall send all boatswains' and carpenters' indents. I desire that two more coopers be sent, as, from want of water-casks, the ships have insufficient water, and the mens' health suffers. Iron hoops much wanted. The timberstuff formerly demanded need not now be sent.

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I have bought some wooden hoops at Mahon and received more from Majorca and Leghorn. If the part of the Admiral's proposal of victualling be accepted, which is to deliver all into my hands, I shall be able to give an account of what comes by hired ships, what by men-of-war, and what is supplied at ports. The provisions will last five months longer. The list shows the time each ship is victualled for. I will send cast provisions by the ships coming home. [6½ pages. 3 copies or duplicates. *S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 298, Nos. 45, 46, 47, 48.] *Enclosed in one of them,*

A table shewing the time of his Majesty's ships coming into and departure out of this Port of Mahon, between October 28th 1670 and this May 9th 1671, as also the time of careening, number of men carried thence, what left sick, and number dead while in port, day of beginning, ending, number of men, and time victualled for, reason of their coming into and place whither gone to after sailing out of port. [Ibid. No. 48I.]

May 18. [Sir Edward Spragg] to the same. Having directed Mr. Gibson
Alicante Road. to give you account of our success at Bugia, I shall not here mention it. I have by Mr. Wren made an overture to victual my fleet myself on different terms by two several ways. If either please you, I desire your speedy answer to Leghorn. I shall, if possible, perform my promise to send you some wine to drink my health by some of the ships designed home. [Ibid. No. 49.] *Perhaps annexed,*

[Port Mahon.] *Sir Edward Spragg to [Matthew Wren]. Our stock of victuals, with the money for providing the same, will last five months at whole allowance. I know not why I should go to market with the King's ships for another's profit, this island affording neither bread, beverage wine, oil, nor rice, of which the quantity as per margin is still to buy to complete our store. Neither Sir D. Gauden's present method, nor that proposed by his Royal Highness (by yours of 2 and 14 March), will answer all the ends designed, but a middle way [will], viz., by sending us, before these victuals end, only six months' beef from England, with money to complete what will be wanting at the rate of 8d. per diem for the number of ships the measure is taken from, and for the remaining seven months to have at the rate of 9d. a man a day, half to be paid at Cadiz, and half at Leghorn. On which terms I will undertake to victual this fleet with as good provisions as money can buy, or any of his Majesty's ships ever had in these seas. All to be brought to Mahon in hired vessels, without further charge to his Majesty for freight, &c., and in all things I will conform myself to the same terms as Sir D. Gauden has in his contract, which will be much more advantageous to his Majesty, and cannot be performed so cheap and well by any other for the reasons following:—*

1. *I can settle credit in all places, so that a ship may not, for want of victuals, be forced from her station till the last*

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pinch, knowing that if the wind serves not for one place it will for another; and they will be supplied either at Cadiz, Malaga, or Alicante, if to the westward; or Cagliari, Trapani, or Leghorn, if to the eastward of Mahon, as by the money last sent me I did to the Nonsuch and Argier at Cadiz, thus enabling them to sail right to England, and a month's to my ship, Hampshire, Portsmouth frigate, and Victory fireship to carry us back to Mahon, thus gaining much time, which would have been lost had I been forced to victual them at Mahon.

2. *The enemy will be less able to trace us, and our fleet better enabled to follow them.*
3. *Every merchant, knowing that I can, if necessary, shift without them, will sooner agree with me at modest and advantageous terms.*
4. *Though we made shift to take the six months' provisions last sent, we cannot secure above two months' bread and pease in the Golden Hand and but little in town, when the granary is resumed, which was lent but till August: whereas with money we can supply ourselves, and have, as it were, a magazine (besides our certainty at Mahon) at Cadiz, Malaga, and other places as winds, chases, and wants may hinder our coming back. Nor will I rely on each ship doing this, but all times replenish our magazine by cask wine and bacon from Naples, rusk, beef (besides supplying all ships with fresh meat in harbour, as well as by flour and fruit), and figolas from Leghorn, rice, &c., from Genoa, by a correspondent from each place.*
5. *If all be sent from England (besides the great charge by freight, &c.), we shall, on account of the distance, be too oft exposed to want, and as oft have more than we can tell how to secure.*
6. *Whatever stores we may want, which we cannot be without, and which are to be had in these parts, may come with the victuals and save our fetching them.*
7. *To maintain a stock wholly by provisions may occasion great loss, if they have to be removed, besides loss by leakage and loss of bread by drying. Doing it by money will prevent this, and we shall have everything we want on all occasions. Our provisions will be more portable and ready for service. The seamen will be better contented, having always fresh killed provisions, not what have lain long in store, which possibly were none of the newest before leaving England, or (as the last bread was) embarked hot out of the oven.*

I am sure I can do it cheaper and better than any man, and have it more in my power to serve his Majesty, so that neither weather, nor the enemy, nor slights of undertakers may prevent me. Mr. Gibson's residence at Mahon will add little to the carrying on of the war without my assistance, which I

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shall unwillingly give on the terms the victualling is now managed. Nothing will be easier than to put the plan in execution. I am sure you know me too well to think that any profit shall hinder my furthering his Majesty's service, so as to have it ever laid in my dish that the former has taken place of the latter. I have had tenders from Naples and Leghorn to the same purpose. Since coming into the Straits, I have paid for provisions at Leghorn, Malaga, and Cadiz, which (with some delivered out of store, as well as what has been lent out of ships and repaid by Mr. Gibson) has all been placed in one indent, and cannot be done by any without my help. Yet this happened, when the service has called the ships and they not forced to go to market for want of a stock at Mahon, being forced to it by contrary winds, though sent to cruise no further than off Sardinia with six weeks' provisions. If that proposal is not accepted, I will undertake to deliver all at Mahon to Mr. Gibson at 8½d. a man a day, and fetch it by hired vessels, or at 8d. by one of his Majesty's ships, his Majesty finding casks, hoops, warehouse room at Mahon, &c. If neither of these proposals take effect, I am sure it will be instrumental to bring down other offerers much below their asking. I hope such care will be taken, that I shall have wherewith to answer all contingencies (which through want of masts, &c., will ask no mean sum), and a magazine at Mahon to prevent going to market with clean ships; and then let who will undertake the same (if there be any that can) on better terms. If Sir D. Gauden should decline supplying us with beef, and my other terms be accepted, I will undertake all at 9d., and find one in England to do it. [3 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 491.]

May 18. Capt. Thomas Darcy to the same. Certifying that on 22 December last, between two and three in the morning, Capt. Ball in the *Orange* made many false fires, and fired several guns; and between four and five bore away, being a very hard storm at N.N.W. and N.W. and a very great sea, and that then we judged ourselves to be twelve or fourteen leagues off Minorca, but could not fetch it; the nearest port we could fetch was Cagliari, then 60 leagues off. [*Ibid.* No. 50.]

May 18. Robert Mayor to the Navy Commissioners. Desiring a warrant to Deptford to receive spars and masts from Mr. Gray. [*Ibid.* No. 51.]

May 18. Warrants for the grant of pensions of 200*l.* sterling a year to Whitehall. Arthur Barclay, one of the gentlemen of the Privy Chamber, Richard Irvin, one of the gentlemen sewers of the King, and Elizabeth, Lady Lundoris, and one of 50*l.* a year to the widow of Sir John Urry. [*Docquets. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, pp. 155, 156.*]

May 18. Warrant for a grant to William Sutor, for his life, the office of Whitehall. operator in lithotomy in Scotland, with power to summon before

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himself and two Physicians or Doctors in Medicine all persons professing that art, but commonly reputed ignorant thereof, such persons, if found on examination to be unqualified, to be discharged by the Privy Council from practising that art till they have attained sufficient skill to be found qualified. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 157.*]

May 18.
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Warrant for a pension to the said William Sutor of 50*l.* sterling a year. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 158.*]

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Warrant for a pension of 200*l.* sterling a year to Lady Mercer, widow of Sir James Mercer, of Aldie. [*Docquet. Ibid.*]

May 18.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Whereas the rents and profits of several lands, franchises, and advantages formerly belonging to the town of Athboy in Meath, formerly incorporated and vested in the Crown by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, now are and have been for divers years received by persons setting themselves up to be a corporation by the names of Portreeves, Burgesses, and Freemen of the town of Athboy, and the said houses and lands by the late Commissioners of the Court of Claims were adjudged to be forfeited, and thereupon letters patent of 28 November 1668, were granted thereof to Sir G. Rawdon and William Brett, upon trust for George, Duke of Albemarle, deceased, and several other officers who served our father in the Irish wars before 1 June 1649 in satisfaction of their arrears, and on the complaint of the said trustees, the Attorney-General prosecuted a *quo warranto* against the present pretenders, but some stop has been given to the Attorney-General proceeding thereon; directing him to cause such stop to be removed, and the Attorney-General to proceed effectually on the *quo warranto*. [*1 $\frac{3}{4}$ page. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 60.*]

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 90.*]

May 19.
[Plymouth.]

Philip Lanyon to Williamson. I received a letter last post from James Hickes expressing your desire to have an intelligencer here. In that, and all things else, I shall be ready to serve you. There is much smallpox in Exeter and this county, though this town is clear. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 7.*]

May 19.

Reference to Lord Arlington of the petition of Richard Wead on behalf of himself and seven others, stating that the petitioners, awaiting the return of the masters of their vessels on the pier at Bajona in Portugal, were assaulted by eight Portugals, of whom they killed one in self-defence, for which they have now been in prison eight months, that he may confer with the Portuguese Resident, and prepare a letter for the King's signature, to be sent to Portugal. [*Ibid. No. 8.*]

May 19.

Order on the petition of Charles Modyford, prisoner in the Tower, that Lord Arlington shall have delivered his account books and such of his other books and papers as relate to his private affairs to such persons as the petitioner shall appoint, but he is to remain in custody till further order. [*Ibid. No. 9.*]

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May 19. Thomas Barlow, Provost of Queen's, to Williamson. Begging his Queen's College, favour for the bearer, Mr. Asheton, fellow of Brasenose. [S.P. Oxford. *Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 10.]

May 19. Colonel Blood to the King. "May it please your Majestie, these The Tower. may tell and inform you, that it was Sir Thomas Orsborn and Sir Thomas Littleton, both your tresurers for your Navey, that sett me to steall your crowne, but he that feed me with money was James Littleton, Esquire. 'Tis he that pays under the tresures at your pay office. He is a very bold vilianous fellow, a very rogue, for I and my companions have had many a 100*l.* of hime of youer Majestie's money to incurag us upon this attempt. I pray noe words of this confession, but know your frends. Nott else, but am youre Majestie's prisoner, and if life spared your dutifull subjectt whose name is Blood, which I hope is not that your Majestie seeks after." [*Ibid.* No. 11.]

May 19. Sir Stephen Fox to [Major Rolleston.] Informing him that he had desired Captain Skelton to receive 80*l.*, being a month's pay from 6 May, appointed for his company, and desiring him when he had occasion for more money to send him an order, and informing him that the King allowed him 10*l.* a week additional while at Rochester to keep up a diet for the King's honour. [*Ibid.* No. 12.]

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May 19. James Blackborne to James Hicke. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 13.] Plymouth.

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May 19. Warrant to the Clerk of the Signet to prepare a grant to Edward Proger, one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber, of 411*l.*, or other the arrears due from the executors of Charles Read, formerly a receiver in the reign of Charles I., of part of the revenues of Ireland. [S.P. *Dom., Entry Book* 26, f. 102.]

May 19. Warrant to the Attorney-General to prepare a commission consti- Whitehall. tuting the Earls of Northampton, Bridgewater and Craven, Viscount Halifax, Lord Gerard of Brandon, Lord Richardson, Colonel John Russell, Peregrine Bertie, Colonel Edward Grey, Sir Jonathan Trelawney, Sir John Coryton, Sir Lancelot Lake, Sir Charles Harbord, Sir Edward Walker, Sir Edmund Wyndham, Sir John Berkenhead, Sir Jonathan Atkins, and Colonels Thomas Neville and John Birch, Commissioners for taking the accounts of the moneys given to the loyal and indigent officers under the Act passed the last Session. [S.P. *Dom., Entry Book* 36, p. 5.]

May 19. Warrant to pay to Prince Rupert 500*l.* in satisfaction of the like sum expended by him for the King's service. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 65.]

May 19. Robert Leigh to Williamson. I enclose a draft grant of the lands Dublin. mentioned in former letters. The only safe way is to pass the patent in England, as here it will be opposed, both by the present possessors and some great ones whom they will purchase to befriend them. It concerns not the new settlement, but is an old title of the King's in right of his crown. The value, I am assured, is from 400*l.*

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to 500*l. per annum*. The rent to the King is such as is paid by the adventurers and soldiers, so that it may appear the King is also a gainer. Pray lose no time in passing it, for delay in these cases is always hazardous. Since writing last night, between two and three o'clock, a great fire was perceived to break out through the roof of the storehouse in the Castle, which, notwithstanding all the help that could be had, burnt the same before five in the morning to the ground, and therein 7,000 or 8,000 arms, viz., pikes and muskets, besides six or seven brass field pieces, many furnitures for horse, as well backs, breasts, head-pieces and saddles, as pistols and other necessaries, there being only saved about 500 or 600 muskets and some match and the barrels of the burnt firelocks and muskets and the burnt armour, which will signify little for service, being quite distempered by the fire. The store was kept in the old Parliament House on the south-west side of the Castle, and the fire broke out on the west side of it, next the room where the Castle guard was kept. It is yet a great mystery how this was occasioned, there being (as is said by some) no fire or candle in the guardhouse last night, and Sir Ellis and most people are of opinion that it began in the middle of the storehouse, placed there by some contrivance, and continued for some time, and then broke out with much violence; but if I may give credit to what I was shown and told, or may trust my own judgment on what I noticed of the situation of one of the guardhouse chimnies, their wooden bed, and a timber partition, that on the inside of the stone wall divided the guardhouse and storehouse, I conclude that it began from some part of the guard place, by what negligence I cannot tell, but I am told they had fire and candle, and the place, where I was shown it first broke out, is over the said partition. It was a great wonder that the whole buildings within the Castle were not burnt, and were it not for the calmness of the morning, the height and thickness of the stone walls of the storehouse, and the Lord Lieutenant's using all means to prevent it, not only those buildings, but the whole quarter of the town next the Castle had run a great hazard of being quite destroyed. There was no powder in the storehouse but two or three barrels, which were afterwards found useful to blow up the roof and some adjoining buildings, in which Lord John Butler made himself useful, for, with Mr. Anthony Hamilton, he rashly rushed in, brought out one of the barrels, notwithstanding the fire, and put it under the other building that was to be blown up. It is almost quite out, and might have been quenched much sooner were it not for some muskets and hand grenades, which, being charged, have fired so often in the rubbish, that the people were somewhat timorous to venture among it. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 91.*]

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Nicholas Darcy of Plattin, in the county of Meath, to the King. Petition stating that in consideration of his merits and sufferings, the King ordered his acquittal from the new quit-rents imposed on his estate by the Act of Explanation, and that by a mistake of the Auditor-General in drawing up a particular of the estate, the lands of Ballyeighter, Ballyoughtor, and Rattin in West Meath and

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Commonstown, being part of Plattin, also Moullaghtillin in Meath, were left out, so that the new quit-rent thereof, amounting to 27*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.*, was not included in the order of remittal, and praying supplemental orders for freeing the petitioner from the said quit-rent and the arrears thereof. *At foot,*

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Whitehall.

Reference of the said petition to the Lords of the Treasury and the Committee for the affairs of Ireland. On the back,

June 22.

Their report in favour of the said petition. Signed Ormonde, Ashley, T. Clifford, J. Duncombe. [S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 92.]

King's letter to the Lord Lieutenant commanding him to have a grant passed remitting the said quit-rents and arrears. [*Draft. 3 pages. Ibid. No. 93.*]

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Capt. Anthony Deane to Lord Arlington. Requesting him to remind the King of his promise of a provision for his son at Saulmer in France. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 14.*]

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Yarmouth,
in the Isle of
Wight.

Sir Robert Holmes to Williamson. Acknowledging the news letter and desiring their continuance. To-day a ship arrived at Cowes, after a six weeks' voyage, from the Barbadoes. The sickness there is very much "debeated." [*Ibid. No. 15.*]

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Dr. Lancelot Bolton to Viscount Conway. I shall willingly attend your commands in order to your patent, and shall also desire you appoint no deputy till I go over and give you a true account of things there, and of some person fit for the trust. I am glad to hear W. Hill has so much sense as to deal with Robin. My intelligence was Lord Arran of his dealing with Hercules Davis. Lords Kingston and Carlingford are come to town. Lord Ranelagh's business is heard next Monday, and he hopes to effect it, and tells me he will now humour nobody, but stand on his own legs, and also that he could recriminate the great captain much more than he him if he pleased, but he scorns him, and doubts not to do his business in spite of them all.—Various business matters. [*2 pages. Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 16.*]

May 20.

Warrant to the Commissioners of the Treasury to grant a lease to Sir Edward Sydenham of a house built by himself, with the leave of Charles I., on a piece of ground 23 feet in length and 16 in breadth, on the east part of the Mewes, towards the street, for his life and 31 years after, at a rent of 10*s.* a year. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 103.*]

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Warrant [to the Recorder and Sheriffs] for inserting in the next general pardon, Julian Brazaloone, convicted for killing Edward Conquest, the proviso for transportation being left out. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 51.*]

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Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Sir Edward Mancell and William Morgan, desiring a grant of the offices of Chamberlain and Chancellor of South Wales, in the counties of Carmarthen, Pembroke, and Cardigan. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33, p. 154.*]

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May 20. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury and the Committee for Ireland, of the petition of Sir Connell Farrell, desiring that his Majesty would accept of the assignation of 2,000*l.*, formerly granted to him by the Act of Explanation, payable out of the moneys by that Act or the former Act growing due to his Majesty, and in lieu thereof, confirm to him an allowance of 300*l.* *per annum*, formerly granted him by a warrant of *concordatum*, or else to grant him such weekly allowance as other reformed officers of his quality are granted. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33, p. 155.*]
- May 20. Warrant from Lord Arlington to John Goldsmith, to deliver all papers relative to Tripoli, given to him by Sam. Took, late Consul, to Mr. Bradley, now appointed Consul there. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 93.*]
- May 20. Warrant for a Privy Seal for 500*l.* to Thos. Price, as the King's free gift, without account. [*Ibid.*]
- May 20. Minute thereof. [*Ibid. f. 102.*]
- May 20. Warrant to the Master of the Great Wardrobe for the allowance of a livery to the Lord Chamberlain of the household, amounting to 66*l.* 16*s.* [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 67.*]
- May 20. Warrant to pay to John Lindsey and John Baker 1,500*l.* *per annum*, for three years, out of the additional beer duty, in reward of their services in discovering the true value thereof. [*Ibid. No. 69.*]
- May 20. Warrant to pay to John Coppleston 1,000*l.* out of the additional Excise, for his services in advancing the Revenue. [*Ibid.*]
- May 20. The King to the President and Fellows of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Dispensing in favour of Nathaniel Cole, M.A., Fellow of the College, chaplain to Ralph Montagu, Ambassador to France, with the obligation of residence while so employed. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 48, p. 22.*]
- Minute thereof dated the 22nd. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 13.*]
- May 20. William Acworth and William Sheldon to the Navy Commissioners. Justifying themselves against Mr. Stockman's and Mr. Gray's complaints of their refusing to receive masts sent by him as they had not been duly measured before the officers of the yard. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 52.*]
- May 20. Sir D. Gauden to the same. Asking them to accept and pay the bills mentioned below, drawn by Sir T. Clutterbuck. [*Ibid. No. 53.*]
Victualling Office.
- May 20. Phelim O'Niell to Viscount Conway. Corporal Redmond came up with 100*l.* to Lieutenant Hill, and yesterday I had orders for the commissions to be drawn according to the agreement, but the fire this morning hindered my getting them out. All the city is in a confusion about it, and every one has his construction of the occasion thereof. [*Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 94.*]
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Dublin.

Sir Ellis Leighton to Williamson. Giving another account of the fire at the Castle. The packet came in this morning with the licence for the Lord Lieutenant. He intends to set forward as soon as men's minds are quieted about this dreadful accident, all being full of jealousies and fears, and talks of designs upon the Castle this time eight year. There appeared nothing in the people but great consternation and great inclination to prevent further mischief, the garrison and townsmen conspiring with all hearty love to assist each other. I have got with the fire and sparks a great bloodshot eye that is very troublesome. [6 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 95.]

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Report under the reference of 8 February (calendared *ante p.* 73), in favour of granting the prayer of the petition of Sir George Rawdon and William Brett. [*Ibid.* No. 21A.]

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Lord Ashley and Sir Thomas Clifford to the King. Report in accordance with the reference of 26 April, that the salary of 80*l.* *per annum* for the schoolmaster of the free grammar school, now being erected by the King in the city of Dublin, might be paid quarterly by warrant of *concordatum*, beginning from August 1 and to continue till the vacancy and grant of one of the dignities or sinecures mentioned in the Lord Lieutenant's letters. [*Ibid.* No. 96.]

May 21.
Plymouth.

James Blackborne to James Hickes. No news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 17.]

May 21.
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Philip Lanyon to Williamson. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 18.]

May 21.
Portsmouth.

Charles Collier, for Hugh Salesbury, to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of news, except the *Diamond* is being fitted out with all possible expedition. [*Ibid.* No. 19.]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Commissioners of Lieutenancy of London. The Act of 1662 for ordering the forces in the several counties in the Kingdom provided that the lieutenancy of London may levy yearly sums needful for the militia forces of the city, which have extraordinary duties in defence of his Majesty's person, and in suppressing and preventing insurrections, not exceeding in one year the proportion of one month's tax, which the city then paid towards the tax of 70,000*l.* a month. This has been omitted for several years on account of the calamities of pestilence and fire, and therefore the militia being in arrears, are the less able to do service. We therefore desire the needful aid to be levied for one whole year, beginning at Christmas last. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, f. 74; and 34, f. 101, the last making the year begin from Midsummer last.]

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 20.]

May 21.
Whitehall.

Warrant to the Commissioners of the Treasury and Exchequer in Scotland, authorising them to pay to James, Marquess of Montrose, 5,000*l.* sterling, by payments of 700*l.* a year for six years, and 800*l.* the seventh year, in addition to the 10,000*l.* formerly granted to his father. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 1, p. 159.]

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May 22. Major Walden to Williamson. Concerning the horse he had purchased for him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 21.]
- May 22. John Man to Williamson. This port has for many years had a considerable trade for coal with the French and Britains, but has this year failed very much, which may be upon the French King's obliging one-third part of his seamen to be in his service for several months, another third part to be at home to relieve the other when called, and the other third part to be on their trade, and this successively, which is a great loss to this place in their commerce as well for coal as other manufactures. [*Ibid.* No. 22.]
- May 22. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. This place affords nothing of news. [*Ibid.* No. 23.]
- May 22. Sir Robert Carr to [Williamson.] Thanking him on his own and his mother's behalf for his trouble. The gentleman that is to go with my nephew will bring him next week to wait on you, and so go for Oxford. We promise ourselves more success in Holland by your favour than by all other means. Mr. Gardner, the solicitor, goes himself. He understands this business very well, and is very honest, as I wish some better men were, whose names I have lately seen in news-letters. I am very glad to hear of the good company that waited on the King at Lord Ormonde's dinner. I was every day last week on the King's service. I got several days named that I might be at all in Holland and Kesteven, to the dissatisfaction of your C. friend, in whose corner I have only suspicion of foul play, and by his means, but I have in every place declared and sent the like message into Linsievet, where I have some spies, that where I find neglect in Commissioners or Assessors, I will acquaint the Lords of the Treasury. I have wrote my mind to Lord A[rlington] concerning a Speaker. [*Ibid.* No. 24.]
- May 22. Joseph Seymour to Thomas Raban. Recommending the bearer, a neighbour of his brother's, who has some concerns in the Exchequer and entreating his assistance in his favour. [*Ibid.* No. 25.]
- May 22. Sir Edmund Wyndham to Williamson. I have to go suddenly into the West on account of the dangerous sickness of my son, Sir Hugh Wyndham. His Majesty has granted me the enclosed petition if I can make out the discovery I am now prosecuting, and, because I would have no man take the bird while I and my friends are beating the bush, I desire that Lord Arlington will signify his Majesty's pleasure under the petition to prevent other pretenders who may else build on my foundation. [*Ibid.* No. 26.]
- May 22. Privy Seal for 200*l.* to Elizabeth Wolseley, the sum to be paid by John Ferrars as a fine on his grant of the reversion of the manor of Walton-upon-Trent. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 48, p. 23.]
- May 22. Minute thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 93.]
- May. Docquet thereof. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 77.]

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May 22.] Petition of Gregory Hascard to the King, for presentation to the rectory of Gedney, co. Lincoln, about to become void by the promotion of Dr. Crew to the bishopric of Oxford. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 27.]
- [Before
May 22.] Statement that the Sub-Deanery of Lincoln had been promised to Dr. Gardiner, it being expected, on the promotion of Dr. Mapletoft to the Deanery of Ely, that he would vacate it, which he did not do; but now, on the report of the Clerk of the Closet's promotion to a bishopric, he has offered to resign the Sub-Deanery for the Donative of Gedney, now held by the Clerk of the Closet; but the King having promised Dr. Hascard the Donative, Dr. Gardiner has agreed with Dr. Hascard to exchange a prebend of Salisbury for it. His Majesty may so by the gift of one preferment accommodate both. [*Ibid.* No. 28.]
- May 22. Grant to Dr. James Gardiner of the Rectory of Gedney, co. Lincoln, without cure of souls, void by the promotion of Dr. Crew to the See of Oxford. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 35B, f. 13.]
Docquet thereof, dated the 25th. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 74.]
- May 22. Two orders of naturalisation for the ships *Good Hope* and *Hope-Whitehall.* well. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 36, p. 7.]
- May 22. Grant to Silas Titus and Sir Edward Massy of the personal estate of Richard Bell, deceased, forfeited for the murder of John Phynney. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 71.]
- May 22. Capt. William Poole to the Navy Commissioners. Advising
The Downs. them of his people having been on short allowance since 1 April, he having had some supernumeraries as to victuals since Zante, where having met some English seamen who had deserted, he thought it better to give them their passage home than suffer them to commit extravagancies abroad. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 54.]
- May 22. Sir Thomas Allin to the same. Desiring their directions as to certain particulars relating to Sir T. Clutterbuck's accounts of disbursements at Leghorn. [*Ibid.* No. 55.]
- May 22. John Evelyn to the same. Upon the signification that it was pro-
Sayes Court. posed to make a mast dock in the piece of land contiguous to my dwelling, between it and the Thames, and that we had, on a more exact view and consideration, recalled to mind the almost perpetual infirmities of my no small family now some years past, whilst that which is now the wet dock in the plank-yard was employed to lay masts in, though at collateral distance, and how much more healthy we have remained since it has been purged, it evidently appears that the digging a mast dock in the field designed, being of that extent, and lying as it does full North of my dwelling, must needs send forth a continual stream of noxious vapours on me, and bring on us the wonted, if not more intolerable, inconveniences. We were truly very seldom free from agues and other malignant distempers, which took away my children and servants during the vicinity of the

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former dock; nor are we yet insensible of the influences of it, though it be now much sweeter than it formerly was. At what a charge I have been, and care I continually am at, that my own ditches and channels may be preserved clean by the intercourse of the daily tides, will easily appear. I have no other seat but this poor habitation, and the expense I have been at to render it tolerable and somewhat more convenient many of you know. I am much likewise straitened for pasture grounds, for the indispensable use of my family, having little besides this small spot near me except some uplands which burn away on the least drought. On these and many other considerations, importing no less than the most inevitable impeachment of the health and well-being of a family and the ruin of my habitation, I must humbly supplicate you to make a favourable report to his Royal Highness of the instances I have mentioned. If he will command this piece of ground and all that I have, it must and shall be at his service; but as I persuade myself he will not reprove this humble representation, so I will also hope that you will take it likewise into your kind thoughts and not believe it a stratagem, if out of an earnest desire to supply you in another place, Sir R. Browne, my father-in-law, freely offers a part of the stowage meadow, where you may be accommodated with the quantity of land you seek, to all intents as convenient, the distance being very inconsiderable. Be pleased to order a survey to be made of it. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 56.]

May 22.
Whitehall.

Warrant to the Commissioners of the Treasury and Exchequer in Scotland, to pass gratis the signatour signed in December 1669, in favour of James, now Marquess of Montrose. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 162.*]

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Dublin.

The Lord Lieutenant and Council to Lord Arlington. A great part of our work is to labour that the revenues of this kingdom may defray the public charge thereof, both civil and military, that his Majesty may be eased of the accustomed charge of sending treasure hither from England. By our letters of 8 June last, we represented to the Lords of the Council several particulars relating to defalcations pretended to by the late farmers of the Customs and imported Excise, and considering how great a sum, viz., 26,250*l.*, they had then in their hands under colour thereof, we represented the great inconvenience which deferring their Lordships' resolution would cause, but not having heard from them therein we desire you to remind them. By our letters of 16 July last we represented of what importance it is that the revenues here may be kept up so as to answer the constant charge, a very great part of which depends on the new quit-rents. We now find that the quit-rent respited or discharged for a year and a half ending Easter last is at least 15,000*l.* We have received letters ordering us to insert the Earl of Burlington and Cork on the establishment to receive 20*s. per diem*, and observing that it is therein mentioned as a motive that he willingly parted with several perquisites of his office, we do not find that the late Lord Chichester or the late Lord Grandison, or

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the late Earl of Cork, successively Lord High Treasurers, or the now Earl since he held the office, enjoyed any such perquisites, only the yearly fee of 30*l.*, until the now Earl obtained his Majesty's letters for 20*s. per diem*, and so was in the establishment of 1666, but omitted in that of 1669. By all which, finding the many difficulties we contend with for his Majesty's service daily increasing, we esteem it our duty to represent the same to his Majesty, to whose wisdom we submit it. [2 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 97.]

May 23.
Plymouth.

James Blackborne to Williamson. Stating that for the last two posts the weekly intelligence had not been sent him by Hickes, to whom he had always sent all news worth relating. There arrived from Virginia the *William* laden with tobacco, which proves but bad generally this year. The master tells of a woman in Maryland that put herself into man's habit, and on the road assaulted a passenger to rob him, but after a pass or two she was run through the arm, and so fled. We are in daily expectation of the body of the Treasurer's son. The Mayor, magistrates, and merchants will attend it to Captain Martyn's house, where it is to be kept till further order. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 29.]

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Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. I had written to Mr. Williamson the last two posts, but will do so to you in future, finding it more convenient by your letter. Shipping news. [*Ibid.* No. 30.]

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News-letter to the Earl of Exeter at Burleigh. On the 21st, Prince Rupert went down to Windsor to see what preparations are made for the King's reception. The *Centurion* arriving at Leghorn on the 8th with the Zante and Gallipoli fleet of 17 sail, reports meeting three Tripolines, who kept at a distance. Smyrna letters of 11 and 14 March advise that the French Ambassador had his audience of the Grand Signior and Vizier, but without any satisfaction to his demands as to renewing the capitulations, &c. Madrid letters of [3-] 13 May say the French Ambassador (whose major-domo lately died of the wounds received in the quarrel formerly mentioned) would begin his journey home in three weeks, and would probably meet his successor on the Spanish frontier. The French King is expected at Paris about the end of June. From Holland 'tis writ [19-] 29 May that a vessel has been sent to fetch their ambassador De Groot home from Dunkirk. The Lorraine troops are marched out of Münster into the territories of the city of Cologne. They write as most certain that M. Verjus, the French Ambassador, had a refusal from the Elector of Brandenburg and the Duke of Lünenburg, and yet that the States would have two flying armies, one near Bergen op Zoom, commanded by Count Nassau, and the other about Yessell, by General Wurtz. The Prince of Transylvania has given the Emperor notice that he will deliver up the rebels that are with him. On the removal of Dr. Crew to the Bishopric of Oxford, the Deanery of Chichester is given to Dr. Lloyd, Chanter of Chichester, and Dr. Stradling,

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Prebendary of Westminster, made Chanter. It is said the King will continue at Windsor a month or two, while the Council and Lords of the Treasury will remain at Whitehall, unless he shall send for the Council to Hampton Court, where preparations are made for their reception. On the 23rd Sir Edward Turner was made Serjeant-at-law, and took the oath and place of Lord Chief Baron. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 31.*]

May 23. "The battle fought in the Artillery [Ground] the 23rd of May 1671, between the Loyalists and the Mutineers." (An account of a sham fight and manœuvres, illustrated with diagrams.) [*Seven pages. Ibid. No. 32.*]

May 23. C. Magenis to Viscount Conway. Describing various things he had sent down, among them a hogshead each of claret and white wine, linen, and six cravats for M. Van Helmont, and 50lb. of wax candles. Colonel Conway intends to go down on Friday with the Worcester Flying Coach, so he thinks he will be at Ragley on Saturday. [*Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 33.*]

[May 23.] Draft by Williamson of the final clause in Stapleton's Commission as Governor of Montserrat. [*Calendared in S.P. Col., America, &c., 1669-1674, No. 536. Ibid. No. 34.*]

[May ?] Petition of Dr. Thos. Waldron, physician, and John Jones, apothecary of the Household, and of Capt. Hen. Cooke, Master of the children of the Chapel Royal, to the King, to refer to the Surveyor the charge of providing lodgings for them when his Majesty removes to Hampton Court, those they have being so decayed that they must be pulled down. [*Ibid. No. 55.*]

May 23. Reference to the Surveyor-General of the above petition. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33, p. 156.*]

May 23. Reference to the Judges who tried him of the petition of Charles Massonett, desiring a pardon for having in heat of blood and without any prepensed malice killed Roger Pemberton. [*Ibid.*]

May 23. The King to the President, Treasurer, and Governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Requesting them to appoint Richard Franklin, M.D., assistant physician there, to the place of one of the physicians upon the first vacancy, his father having been loyal in the late rebellion, and he having shown ability in his profession. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 70, and 34, f. 93.*]

May 23. Warrant for a grant, in consideration of 200*l.*, to John Ferrars in fee-simple of the reversion of the manor of Walton-on-Trent in Derbyshire, and the advowson of the church of Walton, now vested in the Crown, expectant on the determination of the estate in tail male vested in the said John Ferrars under letters patent of Edward III. to his ancestor. [*Ibid. f. 94.*]

May 23. Warrant to pay to Bullen Reymes and Geo. Pley 1,917*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* without account for moneys paid and services rendered on the King's account. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 72.*]

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May 23. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Commissioners. Repeating what he
Woolwich. formerly demanded for the *Bristol*, and asking for four-inch plank and a bowsprit for the *Ruby*, and for the discharge of fourteen joiners. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 57.]

May 23. Phineas Pett to the same. Requesting that the whole of the
Chatham Dock. Earl of Winchelsea's timber at Eastwell be sent there, suggesting the *Dunkirk* be docked in place of the *Anne*, which is to be launched on Monday; proposing that the paving stones on the *Dunkirk* and other vessels be used in paving the yard; inquiring, as the repairs of the *Lion* exceed the original estimate by 1,400*l.*, and will take a considerable time, if she is to continue in the single dock, and suggesting that the *Anne* might be launched without her rudder being hung, the smiths not having iron enough to finish the rudder irons. [$2\frac{1}{2}$ pages. *Ibid.* No. 58.]

May 23. Captain William Finch to the same. Informing them that his ship, the *Crown*, has all her guns and stores aboard, with provisions for four months, and desiring money for his purser to pay short allowance. [*Ibid.* No. 59.]

May 23. William Chambers, late mate of the *Batchelor* pink, to the same. Praying a bill for his wages according to the Duke of York's order. [*Ibid.* No. 60.]

May 23. R. Mayor to the same. Desiring a warrant to Deptford to receive 30 cant spars from Captain Shorter. [*Ibid.* No. 61.]

May 23. Warrant for a pardon to John Harbertson, writer in Glasgow, for
Whitehall. the homicide in his own defence in June 1668, of Gilbert Marshall, writer there. Noted in margin that this was recalled. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 1, p. 163.]

May 23. Appointment of Henry Wilkie of Bonnetoun as conservator of
Whitehall. the privileges of Scotch subjects in the Netherlands, and as the king's resident and agent for Scotch affairs on the resignation of Sir William Davidson and Peter his son. [*Ibid.* pp. 164-165.]

[May ?] Philip Alden to the King. Petition stating that a pension of 100*l.* had been granted him by letters of 7 April 1669, for his services in discovering the plot for surprising Dublin Castle in 1663; that the pension was a year and a half in arrears last Easter, and that Lord Aungier refuses to pay it unless the letter be renewed to the present Lord Lieutenant and Council, and therefore praying it be renewed accordingly. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 98.]

May 23. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing him to cause to be
Whitehall. paid to Philip Alden 150*l.*, being the arrears for three half years to Easter last of his pension of 100*l.*, granted him on 7 April 1669 for his service in discovering a treasonable conspiracy for surprising Dublin Castle on 20 May 1663, and directing him also to cause the future payments to be made as they come due. [*Ibid.* No. 99.]

May 23. Sir Ellis Leighton to Williamson. I was afraid I should have
Dublin. lost both my eyes; one is now free, and the other bound up. It puts me to great pain. [*Ibid.* No. 100.]

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Robert Leigh to Williamson. I have not heard from you or his Lordship since my return, and know not what to say when they tell me he is lately made Earl, Lord Treasurer, and K.G. The loss of the arms, &c., by the late fire proves not so considerable as was at first reported, they being very old and useless, and not so many as mentioned in my last. I am still of opinion it was occasioned as I told you in my last, and many more now agree with me. The lottery will signify little here; there is none used at present of any kind. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 101.*]

May 23.
Dublin.

Phelim O'Niell to Viscount Conway. Acknowledging his letter of the 16th, and congratulating him on his appointment as Governor of Charlemont. The commissions are signed, but not got out yet. This morning I gave ten guineas to Sir Ellis Leighton; but he is not content (besides the usual fees for commissions), and says he will refer himself to Lieutenant Bolton for his own particular, and to your Lordship for the new Quartermaster, but will accept the ten only from the Cornet. But I am resolved to-morrow to wait on him again, and if he will not deliver me the commissions, will demand my ten guineas back, and bid him keep the commissions. He is worse than any Jew, and it's a pity he should be suffered to compound so palpably for his bribes, and says plainly the Lord Lieutenant bestowed the benefit of such offices upon him. [*Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 102.*]

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The King to the Lord Lieutenant. For the establishment of a free school in Dublin. (In the terms of the draft letter enclosed in the Lord Lieutenant's letter calendared *ante*, p. 146.) [*Nearly 4 pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 56.*]

May 23.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Whereas he, last June, lent to the Dean and Chapter of Christchurch some useless metal towards making a ring of bells in the said church, for which, and for more than they then received, they gave a bond under their common seal to return the same or the value thereof if demanded, directing him to cancel and deliver them up the said bond, and to deliver them the remainder of the said useless metal as a free gift from the King. [*Ibid. p. 62.*]

May 24.

James Blackborne to James Hickes. Shipping news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 36.*]

May 24.

Warrant granting Major Rolleston 10*l.* a week additional from the 6th instant for extraordinaries, while in command at Rochester. [*Ibid. No. 37, and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 94.*]

May 24.

Warrant to the Attorney-General for preparing a pardon to Sir Anthony Vincent for the homicide of Richard Langham. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 51.*]

May 24.

Warrant to pay 200,000*l.* to Sir Stephen Fox, for the use of the Navy. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 94.*]

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May 24. Grant to Dr. George Benson of the prebend of Worcester, void by death of Dr. Dowdswell. Minute. [*Two entries. S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 13.*]

Docquet thereof, dated the 26th. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 75.*]

May 24. *Congé d'élire* to the Dean and Chapter of Lichfield and Coventry, to elect Dr. Wood, Dean of that church, to be Bishop of the diocese in the room of Dr. Hackett, deceased. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35, f. 13.*]

May 24. Grant of Denization to Agge Ryners, provided he pay custom, &c. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 73.*]

May 24. Warrant to pay to Sir William Temple, Bart., Ambassador to the United Provinces, 800*l.* without account, for his extraordinary expenses after the signing of the peace at Aix. [*Ibid.*]

May 24. The Navy Commissioners to the Duke of York. The multiplicity of the matters has caused the delay in reporting the results of our inquiries and calculations directed by the King, for guiding him and the Lords of the Treasury to the determination of the sum to be provided for discharging the naval debt yet unsatisfied on last year's service, and for the necessary charge of the current year, which we now lay before you:—

1. There rests unsatisfied of last year's debt for repairs and for completing the works unfinished 138,773*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.*, towards which the Treasurers of the Navy do not own themselves possessed of any ready money, though they acknowledge having assignations on that behalf for 142,438*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.* as to which the credit of the best (except the advance on the new farm of the Customs) is not sufficient for raising ready money, and a considerable part, viz., 45,271*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.* is not likely to become money so as to answer the ends of its present assignment. As the above debt was (on the encouragement of the King and the Treasury) contracted on terms either of ready money or payment in course, it is our humble advice and petition that whatever provision be made for future service, care be first taken for discharging this debt.

2. The expense of the present year will be best determined by viewing the heads and services under which it may arise, of which some are certain and under actual performance, others needful and for the most part already resolved on as such by his Majesty.

Of the former sort are—

	£	s.	d.
1. The ordinary of the Navy - -	70,240	3	6
2. The victuals, wages, wear and tear of this year's fleet, which on the average of those employed since 1 Jan. may be computed to consist of 6,000, 6,552 being the present number, at 4 <i>l.</i> per man, per month - - - -	312,000	0	0 (<i>sic</i>)
Carried forward - -	382,240	3	6

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	£	s.	d.
Brought forward - -	382,240	3	6
3. The finishing, equipping, and manning the two galleys building at Genoa and Leghorn, according to the esti- mate of 18 August 1670 - -	23,090	0	0
4. Masts brought from Riga - - -	4,000	0	0
5. Fitting and victualling the <i>Friezeland</i> for the Guinea Co. - - -	1,964	0	0
6. Finishing and rigging the new yacht building at Portsmouth - - -	1,361	10	0
7. Building and rigging the second-rate ordered to be built at Portsmouth -	25,533	6	8
8. Sixty-one tons of cordage ordered by his Majesty to be sent to Tripoli -	2,135	0	0
	513,354	0	2
The services of the second sort are—			
1. Building and rigging the third-rate designed at Bristol - - -	8,301	9	0
2. Building and rigging two third-rates designed at Hull - - -	21,790	0	0
3. Wharf and other works at Chatham -	8,015	0	0
4. Wharfing and altering the double dock, &c., at Woolwich - - -	1,504	0	0
5. New storehouse, &c., at Portsmouth -	675	0	0
6. New dockyard at Erith - - -	63,014	0	0
7. New mast dock at Deptford - - -	4,114	0	0
8. Rebuilding the wreck of the <i>Royal</i> <i>Oak</i> and rigging her - - -	15,333	6	8
9. Rebuilding the wreck of the <i>Defiance</i> and rigging her - - -	9,333	6	8
10. Making an extraordinary provision of plank and hemp on Lord Glenawley's proposition - - -	15,000	0	0
	147,080	2	4

It therefore seems manifest that without an unexpected recall of the fleet now abroad, or cessation of some of the works actually in hand, the charge of the present year cannot be less than the value of the first list above amounting to 513,354*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.*, but may be more by so much of the second as his Majesty may think fit to command; whereas towards all this and the part already incurred since 1 Jan. last, the Treasurers of the Navy do not own (besides the remainder of their last year's funds in hand towards repairs) to have yet received in money and assignments above 110,000*l.*, nor do they seem to have grounds of expecting from the Lords of the Treasury more than to make up what they have thus already received, and of that above 60,000*l.* so remotely placed on the Subsidy Act, as to make it doubtful when, if at all, any credit will be found on it, whilst the whole 250,000*l.*, supposing it to be good,

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will evidently fall short by 263,354*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.* of what the year's expense at lowest can be estimated at, and may fall further short of the true charge if his Majesty shall call us to attempt any of the particulars of the second list. What, then, can be the consequence but the laying on so important part of his Majesty's service a necessity of still continuing under a growing debt, under which it has lain ever since the ancient method of proportioning our supplies of money by the estimates of the services first declared for was laid aside, and the contrary taken up of beginning the year with a limitation to our supplies without any suitable restraint in the charge of the services afterwards called for from us? Wherefore, as the only expedient, we advise and pray that his Majesty's pleasure be distinctly obtained to what particular branches thereof we are to apply whatever sum the present condition of the Treasury will admit of being now assigned us, and this as well for guiding us in undertaking those things first which his Majesty shall think fittest to be preferred, as for directing the Controller of the Navy to the preparing of further estimates and the Treasurers thereof in soliciting for further assignments as often as we may hereafter be commanded to proceed to any other services. [*Draft. 8 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 62.*] Probably annexed,

May 7.

1. *A series of questions with answers as to the Navy debt at the end of the last year, what funds the Treasurers admit they have applicable to its payment, the charge actually contracted since 1 Jan. last, how much thereof has been paid, the average and present number of men employed and in how many ships, the average and present charge of the yards, the weekly charge of ships waiting to be paid off, the debt to each yard, and the funds in the Treasurers' hands towards the year's expenses.* [*2½ pages. Ibid. No. 62I.*]
2. *Account of the provisions issued out of the victualling stores between 1 Jan. and 20 May, together with what has been delivered at Leghorn, amounting to 13,879*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.** [*Ibid. No. 62II.*]
3. *Estimate of the charge for repairs and overworks to ships made in June 1670, with an estimate of what will be required to complete the same on 13 May 1671 with the same for ships arrived since June 1670.* [*Ibid. No. 62III.*]
4. *Estimate of the cost of buildings necessary at Portsmouth.* [*Ibid. No. 62IV.*]
5. *Estimate of the charge of making docks, &c., at Erith.* [*2½ pages. Ibid. No. 62V.*]
6. *Estimate of the charge of making a mast dock at Deptford.* [*1¼ page. Ibid. No. 62VI.*]
7. *Estimate of the charge of rebuilding the Royal Oak and Defiance.* [*Ibid. No. 62VII.*]

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Whitehall.

Warrant for a pension of 500*l.* sterling to William, Earl of Lothian, for his life, and after his decease to his children in the shares specified. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 166.*]

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May 24. The King to the Treasury Commissioners in Scotland. Ordering
Whitehall. them to discharge the Earl of Lothian of one and a half years' few
and blench duties on his Lordships of Newbottle and Jedburgh.
[*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 167.*]

May 24. Protection to the Earl of Dalhousie, for two years, from arrests
Whitehall. and executions for civil claims. [*Ibid. p. 168.*]

May 24. Memorials of similar protections, for two years, to John Sinclair,
junior, of Hermistoun, Hugh Sinclair of Inglestoun, and Thomas
Falconer of Kincorth. [*Ibid. p. 169.*]

May 24. Warrant for a patent, creating James Cockburn of that ilk, a
Whitehall. baronet. [*Docquet. Ibid.*]

May 24. Warrants for charters of new infeftment to the following persons
Whitehall. of the following lands:—

Robert Montgomery of Hasel- head.	Barony of Kengnor and Man- sion House of Chartershall in Sterlingshire.
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William Lindsay of Belstaine	Belstaine in Lanarkshire.
James Brisbane of Bishops- toun.	Kelsoland in Ayrshire.

Alexander Hamilton of Dalzell	Barony of Dalzell.
John Semple, junior, of Foul- wood.	Barony of Foulwood in Ren- frewshire and Kirk-Michael and Semple in Dumbarton- shire, and erecting the same into the Barony of Foulwood.

Robert Smith of Southfield -	Lands of Cramond and South field in Edinburghshire.
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Sir Francis Scott of Manger- toun.	Lands of Colroust.
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Sir Charles Erskine of Alva -	Barony of Alva and other lands in Sterlingshire.
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[*Docquets. Ibid. pp. 170-178.*]

May 24. Warrant for a charter of confirmation in favour of the heirs
Whitehall. female of Sir James Mercer of Meicklour, deceased. [*Docquet.
Ibid. p. 178.*]

May 24. Warrant for a charter of new infeftment to James Menzies of
Whitehall. Enoch, of the Barony of Enoch and advowson of the altarage of the
Blessed Virgin, in the parish kirk of Durisdior, erecting the same
into a Barony, and severing them from Perthshire and annexing
them to Dumfriesshire. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 179.*]

May 24. Warrant for a charter to the burgh of Tain. [*Docquet. Ibid.
p. 180.*]

May 24. Warrant for charters of new infeftment to the following persons
Whitehall. of the following lands:—

George Graham of Pitcairnes	Barony of Pitcairnes in Perth- shire.
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Robert Patrie, Provost of Aderdene.	Barony of Port Leathin.
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Robert, Lord Ker, of New- Lordship of Newbottle and
bottle. other lands, and erecting the
same into a free Earldom
and Barony to be called the
Earldom of Lothian and
Barony of Newbottle.

John Lesly of Aquhorsk - Barony of Aquhorsk and other
lands.

Sir William Murray of Stan- Barony of Broughtoun.
hope.

Alexander Udny of that ilk - Baronies of Udny and Fiddes.
[*Docquets. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, pp. 182-187.*]

May 25. Pass allowing the bearer, Sir Thomas Jones, to embark at any
port. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 38.*]

May 25. John Carlile to Williamson. This morning, at 8, came the Duke
Dover. de Guise and the Count Grammont, who immediately went on
board one of the King's yachts, and after waiting some hours
for the tide sailed for Calais. [*Ibid. No. 39.*]

May 25. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. No news. [*Ibid. No. 40.*]
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May 25. Charles Lee to Viscount Conway. Mostly concerning private
The Iron business. We have no news, only great preparations for St. George's
Anchor over feast. The Duke of Guise went yesterday home. The great
against the Duchess of Cleveland goes about the streets with eight horses in
church of her coach, the streets, balconies, and windows full of people to
St. Clement, admire her. [*Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 41.*]
Strand.

May [25.] Commission to John Russell, Colonel of the Guards, to command in
chief, during the King's absence at Windsor, all the troops, both
horse and foot, left behind for the security of London and West-
minster and to suppress all unlawful and disorderly meetings in
the city or parts adjacent, and to assist the civil power if necessary,
with similar powers in case of his indisposition or necessary absence
to the Earl of Craven. [2 pages. *Draft and Fair Copy. At
the end of the last are five suggestions for carrying out the objects
of the warrant. Ibid. Nos. 42, 43.*]

[May 25.] Another draft of instructions to Col. Russell, differing slightly
from the former. [*Ibid. No. 44.*]

May 25. The said commission. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 96, 35A,
f. 27, and 48, p. 24, in some of which it is dated the 24th.*]

May 25. The King to the Vice-Chancellor and Convocation of Cambridge.
Recommending Wm. Sadler, who has studied four years as a fellow
commoner in Christ's College, and now desires to travel for his im-
provement, for the degree of M.A., without performance of exercises.
[*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 70.*]

Note that the King should be requested to give the above
mandate. Marked "Mr. Covell." [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 45.*]

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Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Lord Cornwallis, Baron of Eye, desiring the Stewardship of the Honour of Eye. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 33, p. 156.*]

May 25.

Warrant to Sir Wm. Morton, Justice of King's Bench, to insert Edward Haylock in the next general pardon without transportation; he was convicted for sheep-stealing at Burntwood (Brentwood) assizes, co. Essex, but reprieved because of his services in the war against the Dutch. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 52.*]

May 25.

Warrant for a licence to Henry, Lord Arlington, to stop up a way leading from Sapiston to Thetford, Suffolk, through his grounds in Little Fakenham, and also to enclose a highway through his grounds from Blackwater to Great Fakenham, making others of equal size and convenience from the south of Little Fakenham Groves to the street of Great Fakenham. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 94.*]

Docquet of the said licence, dated August. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 103.*]

May 25.

The King to Sir Thomas Chicheley, Master of Ordnance. Having ordered a new fortification at Tilbury Blockhouse, Essex, to prevent enemies' vessels passing up the Thames, according to a design of Sir Bernard de Gomme, personally inspected by himself, the outworks of the present blockhouse lie in the way. He and the other Commissioners for the fortifications are therefore to pull down the former bank and platforms and remove the houses and raise the blockhouse so as to overlook the new work. Sir Fras. Leak, captain of the blockhouse, to assist therein. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 95.*]

May 25.

Warrant for yearly salaries of 200*l.* each to Signor Bartholomeo and Signora Eleonora, as an additional establishment to his Majesty's Italian musicians. Minute. [*Ibid. f. 96.*]

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Warrant to the Treasury Commissioners and other Exchequer officers to permit Joseph Williamson or his deputy to have access to all papers, &c., in their custody, and to make transcripts of the same for the King's service, and to use indents, calendars, and repertories that may further the same, without payment of fees. With note that there was another warrant of the same tenor, undirected. [*Ibid., and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 48, p. 22.*]

May 25.

Warrant to Sir Thomas Ingram, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, to order the auditors to give in to Sir Charles Harbord, Surveyor-General, a perfect account of all the lands in their charge that were part of the jointure of the late Queen Mother, that the same may be granted to the trustees of the Queen, as a further part of her dowry. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 96.*]

May 25.

Warrant for a grant to Simon Clifford of the office of one of the four tellers of the Exchequer after the determination of the several grants thereof now in being. [*Ibid. f. 97.*]

Docquet of the said grant, dated the 30th. [*Two copies. Docquets, Vol. 25, Nos. 76, 77.*]

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 [May 25.] Licence for Charles Cornwallis, son of Lord Cornwallis, to travel for three years. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 48, p. 25.*]
- May 25. Minute thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 97.*]
- May 25. Privy seal dormant for 100*l.* to the Countess Dowager of Lincoln. Minute. [*Ibid., and f. 101, the second entry dated the 31st.*]
- [May 25.] Commission to ——— Bruce, as ensign in Capt. Herbert's company in the Admiral's regiment. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 48, p. 24.*]
- May 25. Minute thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35A, f. 15.*]
- May 25. Approbation of Bennett, Lord Sherard, Sir Thomas Fanshaw, and Samuel Browne as deputy-lieutenants for Rutland. [*Ibid. f. 24.*]
- May 25. Presentation of John Mason to the Rectory of Whichham, co. Durham. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 13.*]
- May 25. Warrant for a dispensation to Dr. Wood to hold his canonry in Durham, with the bishopric of Lichfield and Coventry, for life. Minute. [*Ibid.*]
- [Before May 25.] Warrant for the presentation of Dr. Thomas Jones, Clerk of the Closet, to the rectory of Witney, void by the promotion of Dr. Blandford to the bishopric of Winchester (*sic*). [*Draft. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 46.*]
- May 25. Warrant to the Clerk of the Signet for the presentation of Dr. Nath. Crew to the rectory of Witney, co. Oxford, void by the promotion of Dr. Blandford to the bishopric of Worcester. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 13.*]
- Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 47.*]
- May. Docquet of the said presentation. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 77.*]
- May 25. Letter to the President and Chapter of Lichfield and Coventry, to elect Dr. Matthew Smallwood, chaplain in ordinary to the King, to be Dean of that church, void by promotion of Dr. Wood to the bishopric. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 13.*]
- May 25. Warrant for a grant to the corporation of Basingstoke of two yearly fairs to be held on Basingstoke Down in Easter Week and in September. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 7.*]
- May 25. Warrant for a licence to Jesus College, Cambridge, to purchase and hold in mortmain additional lands and hereditaments of the annual value of 200*l.*, Tobias Rustat, Yeoman of the Robes, having bestowed on them a considerable sum for the purchase of fee-farm rents, and their former licences being full. [*Ibid. p. 9.*]
- May 25. Order on the petition of David Hampton, surgeon to the Tower, Whitehall. for examination into Sir John Robinson's ill-treatment of him, that the said Sir John, Lieutenant of the Tower, be ordered to give an answer thereto in writing. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 48, p. 25.*]

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May 25. Warrant to pay to Sir Thos. Osborne and Sir Thos. Littleton, Treasurers of the Navy, 200,000*l.* [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 74.*]

May 25. Anthony Deane to the Navy Commissioners. Praying that the
 Portsmouth. four shipwrights to be sent to Chatham to assist in sheathing the *Dreadnought* may be informed how they are to be borne during their absent time, and how the expenses of their journey are to be provided, stating the quantity of lead, nails, and lacquer used in sheathing the *Phoenix*, and asking for a supply of pitch and tar. [*1½ page. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 63.*]

May 25. Capt. John Turner to the same. In reply to their three
 The *Tiger* in letters, stating that he has discharged his master's mate to be mate
 the Downs. of the *Diamond* and requires another, thanking them for their answer about the stores, and stating that he would have complied with their order to discharge James Jeafcote, but last Friday night he and another ventured to swim on shore, and apprehending he may be drowned from his not getting to London before the date of their letter, and concerning short allowance and the expenses he has incurred in sending men from London to Portsmouth. [*Ibid. No. 64.*]

May 25. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing him to cause a custodium, during pleasure, to be granted to Maximilian Dempsy and Anne his wife, of lands comprising 2,179 acres in the baronies of Eliogarty and of Iffa and Offa, in county Tipperary, at rents equivalent to the quit rents reserved on adventurers in the same province. [*2 pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 63.*]

May 26. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Desiring to know whether he
 Plymouth. is to correspond with him or Williamson. The commander of St. Nicholas Island told me he would fire all the guns there on the arrival of the body of Sir Thomas Clifford's son. The Commissioners for the subsidy are very busy assessing the several hundreds and counties. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 48.*]

May 26. John Kendall to Williamson. Soliciting the living of Banham in Norfolk for his son's tutor. [*Ibid. No. 49.*]

May 26. A. Ellis to Williamson. Desiring him to speak with Lord
 Letter Office. Arlington that convenient lodgings near the Castle at Windsor be assigned to the person he is sending there from that office, and for the postmaster of Maidenhead who is to perform the riding, and for the horses and postilions. [*Ibid. No. 50.*]

[Before
 May 26.] Sir Fras. Anderson to the King. Petition for a grant of such moneys as have been or should have been collected in Northumberland, Norham, Island, and Bedlington shires, part of the bishopric of Durham in the said county, on the late Acts of Poll Bills, but are not yet returned into the Exchequer, as compensation for his great sufferings. [*Ibid. No. 51.*]

May 26. Henry, Earl of Ogle, to Williamson. Intreating his and Lord Arlington's favour for Sir Fras. Anderson's petition, whose petition to the King he had formerly brought to Williamson by the King's

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order. He deserves well, having raised a regiment of horse for the late King in 1642. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 52.] *Enclosed,*

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Bradley.

Sir Fras. Anderson to Henry, Earl of Ogle. If my business succeed not, a prison must be my sad fate. I am confined now in my own house in the country, and if I should wander from it but a little, another not so convenient is prepared for me. I would sell my lands at once at undervalues to escape my creditors, but they will not give me time. I hear Col. Careless is trying to get part of what I beg for. [Ibid. No. 52L.]

May 26.

Warrant to the Attorney-General to prepare a grant to Sir Thomas Chicheley, Master of the Ordnance, on his surrendering the letters patent appointing him to the Mastership, of the offices of Master of the Ordnance and of Master of the Armoury, vacant by the decease of William Legg, which offices are to be united in future. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 21, f. 92, and 34, f. 101.*]

May 26.

Warrant to the Attorney-General to prepare a pardon to Robert Raworth and William Marwood, the executors of Charles Read, late receiver of the rents and revenues of the late King within the town of Coleraine, and the lands of the Clothworkers, Merchant Tailors, Ironmongers, Mercers, Vintners, and Salters, within the county of Londonderry, of all rents and arrears due from them as such executors, or from the said Charles Read, in consideration of the payment of 426*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.* [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 103.*]

May 26.

Warrant to Sir Edward Griffin, Treasurer of the Chamber, for payment to Edward Sackville, ensign of the Yeomen of the Guard, of 150*l.*, his salary for the half-year ending 12 February 1668[-9.] [*Ibid. f. 104.*]

May 26.

Warrant for a demise to Thomas Carew of Burley, and Nicholas Cove of Bishop Steinton, both in Devonshire, in trust for Sir Thomas Clifford, of Creslow pastures in Buckinghamshire, for 60 years from Michaelmas 1669, at 5*l.* *per annum*, first payment at Lady Day 1670, and a grant to the same on the same trusts of the mansion house and such of the said pastures as were formerly demised to Edward Backwell, for the same term at 10*l.* *per annum*, first payment at Michaelmas next, which lands were formerly used for feeding sheep and oxen for the household before the doing away of purveyance. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 97.*]

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Docquet of the said demise. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 77.*]

May 26.

Orders for the naturalization of two foreign ships, the *Francis* and the *Bear*. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 7.*]

May 26.

Warrant for a grant, on the surrender of Sir Richard Lloyd, of the office of King's Attorney in Wales, and the counties of Salop, Hereford, Gloucester, Worcester, Chester and Flint, and the Marches to Owen Wynne, of Lincoln's Inn, who has been for some years deputy to the said Sir Richard. [*Ibid. p. 11.*]

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Chatham.

Joseph Lawrence to the Navy Commissioners. Giving an account of the quantity and quality of the timber felled at Eastwell, and concerning its transport to Woolwich. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 65.]

May 26.
Treasury
Chambers.

Sir G. Downing to Lord Brouncker and Samuel Pepys. His Majesty expected you here this morning about the paper read in part yesterday, and directs you to attend him at 3 p.m. [*Ibid.* No. 66.]

May 26.
Maidstone.

John Mason to the Navy Commissioners. Desiring payment of the balance due for his timber, having great occasion for it, as he expects every day to be arrested and carried to prison, and offering them the whole or part of 800 loads of oak. [*Ibid.* No. 67.]

May 26.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a charter to Alexander, Lord Pitsligo, erecting his town and lands of Roseartie into a free burgh of barony and free seaport, with the privileges therein mentioned. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p.* 188.]

May 26.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a charter to the burgh of Dumfries, confirming the charter of King Robert, dated 28 April 1395, and all other charters, &c., granted to the said burgh, with a *novodamus* of the said burgh, and all lands, &c., pertaining thereto, and specially of the customs and impost of the said burgh, with power to have a weekly market and two fairs, and granting to the magistrates of the said burgh the heritable office of sheriffship within the said burgh and within the harbour of the Water of Nith, and uniting the said burgh into a free burgh royal, with all the privileges and immunities enjoyed by any other royal burghs. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 189.]

May 26.
Whitehall.

Warrants for charters of new infeftment to the following persons of the following lands :—

Sir Alexander Murray of Blackbarony, and Margaret his spouse, for life, and their eldest son John in tail male, with remainders over.

Lands and barony of Cringletie, with a *novodamus* thereof, and changing the same from simple-ward to taxt-ward.

John Rutherford of Edzerstoun, for life, and John Rutherford his eldest son in fee simple.

Lands and lordship of Edzerstoun, and lands and barony of Brocondoune in Roxburghshire, uniting the same into a free barony, and changing the same from simple-ward to taxt-ward.

James Clayhills of Innergowrie, in tail, with remainder to John Scrimgeour of Kirkton in fee simple.

Lands and barony of Innergowrie, lands of Easterliff, Drumgight, Nethercliff and Baldovie, with a *novodamus*, and changing the same from simple-ward to taxt-ward.

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- The said James Clayhills in fee simple. Lands of Pitkeathlie, Kintillo, and Heaghfield, formerly pertaining to Laurence Oliphant of Pitkeathlie, changing part thereof from simple-ward to taxt-ward.
- John Craigie of Dumbarnie, for life, with remainder to his son James in tail, with remainder to the said John in fee simple. Quarter lands of Dumbarnie with salmon fishing on the water of Earne, lands of Tullichan, and half of the said lands of Dumbarnie with a *novodamus*, and change of the first-mentioned lands from simple-ward to taxt-ward.
- James Murray, minister at Logyrait, for life, with remainder to his son James, his heirs male and assigns. Easter and Wester Doullaries, town and lands of Culteranich and Croftweitt, and part of the moor of Innerpeffra, with a *novodamus*, and changing Easter and Wester Doullaries from simple-ward to taxt-ward.
- Sir John Allardes of that ilk, for life, with remainder to his son John in tail male, with remainders over. Free barony of Allardes in Kincardineshire, with a *novodamus*, and changing the same from simple-ward to taxt-ward.
- Robert Grierson of Lag - - Lands and barony of Lag, erecting the whole into the free barony of Lag, and erecting the village of Dantalloch into a free burgh of barony, to be called the burgh of barony of Kirkton, and changing the same from simple-ward to taxt-ward.
- Sir John Aytoun, the younger, with life interest in part to his spouse Magdalen Stewart. Lands and barony of Aytoun, town and lands of Drumtennand, lands of Corpulie, lands of Brighthouse and Logie, with a *novodamus*, and erecting the whole into the free barony of Aytoun, and changing part from simple-ward to taxt-ward.

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John, Earl of Atholl - - Lands and Earldom of Atholl, lands and lordship of Balquhiddar, lands and barony of Lud, on his own resignation, and divers other lands on the resignation of the various persons therein named, disjoining the whole from the sheriffdom of Perth and Stewartry of Strathern, and erecting the whole into a free Earldom and regality, to be called the Earldom and regality of Atholl, and erecting the town of Logierate into a free burgh of regality, and ordaining the Castle of Blair to be the principal messuage of the said Earldom and regality, and changing the whole from simple-ward to tax-ward.

[*Docquets. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, pp. 191-208.*]

May 26. Warrant for a patent creating James Cunningham, merchant in
Whitehall. Cadiz, a baronet. [*Ibid. p. 209.*]

May 26. Warrant to the Privy Council of Scotland, at the request of
Whitehall. Lord George Douglas, to authorize each of the sixteen captains mentioned in the annexed list to levy a hundred soldiers in Scotland, to make up the regiment commanded by the said Lord George Douglas in the service of the Most Christian King. [*Ibid. p. 211.*]

May 26. Order in Council—after reciting a report of the Irish Privy Council concerning a grant of impropriations and appropriate tithes to be passed by letters patent for the use of the Cathedrals of Holy Trinity (Christ Church) and St. Patrick's in Dublin, and the report thereon by the Commissioners of the Treasury and the Committee for Ireland—that Lord Arlington prepare a letter for the King's signature to the Attorney or Solicitor General of Ireland to prepare a grant to the Archbishop of Dublin and the Deans of the said two cathedrals and their successors for ever for the use of the vicars and choirmen of the said cathedrals of the impropriations and appropriate tithes therein mentioned. [*2½ pages. S.P. Ireland, Car II. 330, No. 103.*]

[May ?] Robert Boyle to the King. Petition stating that, being by a clause in the Act of Settlement entitled for the term of 31 years to the impropriations therein mentioned, he had procured a patent for the same, but could not recover possession thereof till May 1669,

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but notwithstanding is charged with the yearly rent mentioned in the said clause from the passing of the Act till his obtaining possession, and praying to be discharged of the arrears accrued before he recovered possession. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 104.*]

May 26.

Order in Council remitting in favour of Robert Boyle the arrears of the quit-rents incurred by virtue of the Act of Settlement, certificate, or letters patent, in respect of the rectories and impropriations therein named, until he actually obtained possession thereof, and that the same be answered to the King by such persons as had the benefit of the premises. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ page. *Ibid. No. 105.*]

May 27.
Beverley.

M. Warton to Williamson. Having the opportunity to exchange a buck here for the enclosed warrant for one out of Lord Winchelsea's park in Kent, I present it to you. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 53.*]

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News-letter to Robert Stanton at Bury St. Edmunds. [The first part is identical with the last news-letter.] The King of Sweden and Duke of Saxony, to whom his Majesty lately sent the Garter, will be installed on the 29th at Windsor, as also the Duke of Albemarle, but there is no certainty that any will be new made. They write from Edinburgh of a great thunder and hail, the stones being four, five, and six inches about, which broke glass windows, destroyed much corn, and killed many young cattle. Most harm was done about Musselburgh Stenihill, Brunstone, and three or four miles about Edinburgh. Major Holmes, who went with a letter from the King to the Emperor of Moscow, reports that the rebel Stepan Radzin was very potent, and that he had put the Emperor into great fear and disorder. Some merchants' letters speak of a very great fleet of Turkish ships, well-stored with men, seen off Otranto, and it was guessed they were designed for Sicily. More of the German rebels are to suffer, whose execution the Emperor seems very unwilling to sign, having done that of Count Serini with tears in his eyes. To justify himself he has ordered the whole account to be printed. 'Tis writ from Paris that the Duke of Savoy would not suffer M. de Clo to make levies in his territories for the French King's service, excusing himself because few of his subjects were able to bear arms, for which reason most of his own guards were French. M. de Clo then went to Florence, where he may meet the same success, the Grand Duke being not very inclinable to favour the French. M. de St. André Monbron has written that the Turks had entered on the undecided limits in Dalmatia, and that the Venetians, apprehending a new war, had ordered all their subjects to give no occasion of it, and endeavoured in the meantime to stop the Bassas' mouths with presents. Sir Henry Wood, Clerk-Controller of the Green Cloth, died on the 24th. On the 26th his Majesty went towards Windsor, and on the 27th her Majesty, who comes hither on Wednesday to pay her devotions on Ascension Day, and then returns again. The King may stay longer at Windsor and not come this two months, unless to be at Council on occasion, who are to sit at Whitehall every Friday during his absence. On the 19th, about 1 a.m., there

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happened a dreadful fire in Dublin Castle, which consumed the whole storehouse (where in the Earl of St[r]afford's time the parliament used to sit) and the Court of Guard adjoining it, with most of the muskets, pistols, swords, pikes, drums, trumpets, bandeleers, match, and other warlike provisions, to the value, it is supposed, of 20,000*l*. Such accidents never want variety of comments, but the general discourse is that a rat carried a candle burning into the store. The Grand Signior, they say, will go to Sophia, and the Grand Vizier to Belgrade, from which they gather that Poland will be the place they aim at this summer. The deputies of the Dukes of Lünenburg had been a fortnight at Bielefeld, expecting those of Münster, but had not heard so much as of their setting out. The States' Envoy to Cologne has got an answer in writing to his propositions for an accommodation betwixt the town and him. Colonel Bampffield having taken the oath of fidelity to the Emperor and the town, they have caused fourteen new ensigns to be made for the regiment with the Emperor's arms. The King has bestowed the Bishopric of Lichfield and Coventry on Dr. Wood, who was Dean there, and given the Deanery to Dr. Smallwood. From Leghorn we hear that Sir John Finch, the Resident there, has taken leave, and is coming for England. They were informed from Messina that six Tripolines and three Argier men-of-war were on that coast, but they heard of no prize; and that three Algerines were fitting at Tholon, who they believed might be at sea. Letters of 12 March from Jamaica say that Major-General Banister was arrived there with 200 negroes from Surinam, and that he had taken thence 60 English families and 300 negroes more, who were to touch at Barbadoes, and thence daily expected at Jamaica. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 54.*]

May 27.
Yarmouth
in the
Isle of Wight.

Sir Robert Holmes to Williamson. Concerning the bad condition of Hurst Castle, where there is scarce a room not fallen in or into which the rain does not come, and making suggestions as to the number and pay of the garrison in future. [*Ibid. No. 55.*]

May 27.
Portsmouth.

Anthony Deane to Williamson. Thanking him for his singular favour to his son. [*Ibid. No. 56.*]

May 27.
Woolwich.

Daniel Furzer to the Navy Commissioners. Desiring that one of Mr. Stockman's Riga masts be supplied for a bowsprit for the *Ruby*. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 68.*]

May 27.

The Commissioners for the Subsidy Act in the City of London to the same. Requesting a list of all officers belonging to the Navy Office who are rateable by the said Act, with an estimate of the yearly value of their respective offices and employments. [*Ibid. No. 69.*] *Annexed,*

A copy of the list delivered accordingly on 7 June. [Nearly 3 pages. Ibid. No. 69I.]

May 27.
The Downs.

Captain John Hayward to the same. Desiring a supply of provisions, having only a week's left, and also a new boat. [*Ibid. No. 70.*]

1671.
May 27. Memorandum of a protection to Robert Sinclair of Edinburgh
Whitehall. for four months in the ordinary form. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 213.*]

May 27. Robert Leigh to Williamson. Lord Aungier's deputy here was
Dublin. earnest to know if I had directions to give a quittance in your name for your half-year's salary to Easter and 50*l.* New Year's gift, which he says he has paid you in England. The Lord Lieutenant designs to embark Monday or Tuesday next, having already sent several of his goods on board. Do not forget to thank him for his favours in your small concerns here, and to prepare him for greater kindnesses if he returns. There go with him, besides his lady, Sir Ellis, and others of his own family, the Earl of Clanbrassil and his beautiful lady, and Colonel Fitzpatrick, who is believed a favourite of his, but is to know nothing of the late business concerning yourself. Pray keep corresponding with the Lord Chancellor and Sir Arthur Forbes. The enclosed from the Lord Lieutenant and Council is in behalf of Walter Jones, an officer in the Exchequer, which I hope will procure his just request to be re-established in his office. Pray do him what kindness you can, and send me the King's letter thereon as soon as possible, and also remember the letter to the Lord Primate about the dispensation. If I do not hear from my lord or you by the next packet, I must conclude you are gone to see the French army at Dunkirk. [3 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 106.*] *Enclosed,*

May 24. *The Lord Lieutenant and Council to Lord Arlington. In favour of the petition of Walter Jones, auditor of foreign accounts, praying to be paid his salary of 6*s.* 8*d.* per diem, inserted in the former but omitted from the present establishment, with the arrears from Michaelmas 1669. [Ibid. No. 106*i.*]*

[1671 ?]
May 28. Dr. J[ohn] F[ell] to Sir Leoline Jenkins. I am to communicate to you a little adventure which happened to me a little before I went out of town. It was an overture pressed by Dr. Peirson and Mr. Thornedike concerning Mr. Vossius, who, they said, was desirous to serve the University in the edition of the *Septuagint* or *Josephus*, or anything else we had in hand. My return was that the proposal was very obliging in Mr. Vossius, but all our affairs were guided by our superiors, and the most proper signification of this overture would be to my lord's grace. This matter I communicated to Mr. Walker, who I suppose has given an account of it to my lord. You may have opportunity of speaking with more freedom, and therefore I desire you to learn his pleasure. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 57.*]

1671.
May 28. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. This place affords no news.
Plymouth. Trade here is very dead. [*Ibid. No. 58.*]

May 28. Capt. William Finch to the Navy Commissioners. Enclosing a
The *Crown*, in list of tickets for which payment is desired, and stating that he is
the *Hope*. ready and will sail to the Downs the first opportunity. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 71.*]

1671.

May 28. The same to Thomas Hayter. Requesting him to deliver the necessary blank tickets and books to the bearer, his purser, Emmanuel Davis. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 72.]

May 28.
Chatham
Dock.

Capt. William Rand to the Navy Commissioners. Informing them that the *Royal Prince* had been brought up and moored, and that the *Royal Sovereign* and *St. Andrew* would be the first opportunity. [*Ibid.* No. 73.]

May 29.
Post Office,
London.

Robert Yard to [Williamson]. By Saturday's ordinary I forwarded you a small packet, chiefly to convey the Holland letters and the bill for the *congé d'élire* for Lichfield. Nothing has happened since, save the arrival of the French packet this morning. I transmit the letters, except one from Sir Thomas Clutterbuck, which I keep to show Mr. Treasurer, there being in it some particulars relating to him. The enclosed Italian papers came under his cover, which he says the gentlemen of the Arsenal gave him as he was to see the English galley building there. The *Centurion* would sail for England in a few days with about twenty merchantmen. I hear nothing yet from Mr. Lock about the copy of a letter to the Duke of Richmond upon Major Rolleston's going to Chatham. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 59.]

May 29.
Old Pall Mall.

Matthew Lock to Williamson. Enclosing a duplicate of the King's letter to the Lord Lieutenant of Kent, dated 15 April, and stating that he has given notice to Mr. Yard, that he may keep for Major Rolleston or send to Sir Stephen Fox the order to the Paymaster to give debentures for the 10*l.* a week to the Major. [*Ibid.* No. 60.]

May 29.
The Tower.

Sir John Robinson to Williamson. "This day was celebrated his Majesty's birth and restoration. My Lord Mayor and Aldermen, with the twelve Companies, of which yours was the last, were to be at church at Guildhall; but besides my Lord Mayor there was but five Aldermen, of which I was one, and no other Alderman of our Company, Peake, Gawden, Chaplaine wanting, and I the only man with scarlet gown and chain to guard the Company from Guildhall to Clothworkers' Hall, with our brother Beckford, Master, on foot. There we were very merry and had Sheriff Forth's company, and drank your health; he being Master of the house in the Company's absence. The enclosed is by Lord Arlington's special command. . . . Let us have a little account of your gayness and gallantry at Windsor." [*Ibid.* No. 61.]

May 29.
York.

William Richardson, Mayor, and others, to Sir Orlando Bridgeman. Recommending William Kitchingman for the office of Town Clerk, to succeed Mr. Blackbeard deceased, as though by the custom of York the power of making such elections was in the Corporation, yet the last charter granted by the present King provided that no town clerk be chosen without the presentation of the city and the approbation of the King. *On the back,*

A testimonial by Lord Fauconberg in favour of the said Kitchingman. [*Ibid.* No. 62.]

- [1671.]
[May 29 ?] Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of York to the King, for approbation of their late election of Wm. Kitchingman as town clerk, and for a commission for him to be Clerk of the Statutes in the city. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 63.*]
1671.
May 29. Capt. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Six Isle of Wight barques
Truro. arrived last evening with charcoal for the blowing houses. [*Ibid. No. 64.*]
- May 29. The Earl of Arran to Williamson. The bearer has Lord Arling-
Whitehall. ton's warrant for apprehending Danvers. He finds there are two of that name, both dangerous fellows, therefore I have sent him for your instructions. [*Ibid. No. 65.*]
- May 29. Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. Wanting clay for the
apron of the wet dock, which cannot be furnished unless the enclosed bill be paid, and also an order for receiving a hoy-load of plank from Woodbridge, there being no 2-inch plank in store. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 74.*]
- May 29. Anthony Deane to the same. A Hamburger came to Spithead to-
Portsmouth. day with the goods mentioned in the enclosed list, at the prices marked therein. I desire your directions, as such stores are much required. I will send men to Chatham when directed, but judge two will be enough. The *Diamond* is graved, but the *Rupert* cannot be till rosin, &c., are sent down. The men are in great want of their pay. Mr. Eastwood desires 200*l.* to enable him to get the timber out of the New Forest. [*Ibid. No. 75.*] *Enclosed,*
The list referred to of masts, spars, &c., on board the King David of Gottenburg, Cornelius Jansen master. [Ibid. No. 75i.]
- May 30. John Evelyn to Williamson. Asking his assistance for the pro-
Sayes Court. motion of Mr. Alderson, their reader at Deptford, to the degree of M.A., though he has not gone through the chargeable forms of the Universities. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 66.*]
- May 30. News-letter to the Earl of Exeter. The Governor of the Spanish
Netherlands returned 1 June (N.S.) to Brussels, to stay but few days, going then to Mons to see it well secured. They talk of a project of an exchange of the Franche Comté for some of the late conquests, and that it is the main part of the Spanish Ambassador's business to France. The Pope wrote to the Emperor, desiring a pardon for Count Nadasti, who showed his liberality by building several churches in Hungary, but the letter arrived after the execution. Some question whether the differences between the Princes of Lünenburg and the Bishop of Münster may not break out again. Venice letters say that the Grand Signior had ordered all his subjects living on the borders of any place in dispute between him and Venice to withdraw. The States' Envoy to the Elector of Cologne received a civil excuse to his offer of the States' mediation, that the Emperor had already appointed as mediators the Electors of Mentz, Trier, and Brandenburg. The Lünenburg forces are going to besiege Brunswick, on an old quarrel between it and those dukes. On the 29th the installation of the Garter was held at Windsor

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The King of Sweden was represented by the Earl of Carlisle, introduced and habited in his robe by the Duke of York and Prince Rupert. The Duke Elector of Saxony was represented by the Earl of Winchester, introduced and habited by the Dukes of Ormonde and Buckingham. The Duke of Albemarle was introduced by the Earls of Sandwich and Oxford. There were seven tables besides his Majesty's: 1. Duke of York; 2. Prince Rupert; 3. Duke of Ormonde; 4. Duke of Buckingham; 5. Earl of Sandwich; 6. Earl of Oxford and Duke of Richmond together; 7. Duke of Monmouth and Duke of Albemarle. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 67.*]

May 30.
Whitehall.

William Bridgeman to Williamson. The Lord Keeper desired me to answer you that he had indeed disposed of the prebend of Worcester, conceiving it in his gift, it not being above 20*l. per annum* in the King's books; but hearing there was a grant to another, he stopped it from passing the Great Seal, till he was fully informed of the right, about which he will speak to my Lord of Canterbury, but hopes, if the right belong to him, his Majesty will be so gracious as not to take it from him. He was giving it to a very deserving person, a nephew of his, whom you may have known, having been of Queen's College. [*Ibid. No. 68.*]

[May ?]

George Freeman, painter, to the King. Petition praying for the place of chief designer and overseer of the King's tapestry works, having attained by his travels and industry skill in designing and painting of history, and his mother being the King's laundress. [*Ibid. No. 68A.*]

May 30.

William Bridgeman to Lord [Arlington]. The reason I cannot give you, as commanded, an account of what letters come in, is that I am informed by the officers that the time between the arrival of the inland letters, and sometimes of the foreign also, and the despatch of the mail for Windsor, is so short, that they cannot send the letters to Whitehall. The Lord Keeper commanded me to tell you that he apprehended the King's answer about your business far from a denial. I enclose two warrants, the one for a pardon to Robinson, at Mr. L'Estrange's request, the other to the Lord Chamberlain to swear Mr. Freeman the King's chief designer. [*Ibid. No. 69.*]

May 30.

Dr. George Stradling to Williamson. Stating that the Dean of Chichester and himself had appointed Mr. Slaughter of the Faculty Office to receive their warrants and pay the fees. [*Ibid. No. 70.*]

May 30.
London.

Francis, Lord Aungier, to Williamson. Apologising for presuming to send the enclosed packet to Sir George Lane, or in his absence the Duke of Ormonde. I doubt not that you have heard from Ireland of his Excellency's going to sea this day. To-morrow morning in the Treasury Chamber I shall have some prospect of my doom, for then the Attorney-General intends to have the warrant on Lord Ranelagh's proposition ready. [*Ibid. No. 71.*]

May 30.
London.

Francis, Lord Aungier, to Williamson. Forwarding the enclosed from the Duchess of Ormonde. This afternoon Lord Anglesey made his report on the settlement of Ireland, in the presence of Lord Holles, Lord Ashley, and Secretary Trevor. [*Ibid. No. 72.*]

1671.
May 30. R. Yard to Williamson. I was yesterday with Mr. Everard, who
Whitehall. told me he could not expect to have the order out from Sir Robert Long before this morning at soonest. Mr. Lock, unknown to me, himself transmitted to you the duplicate of the Duke of Richmond's letter about Major Rolleston. Yesterday I sent to Mr. Attorney for the *Commendam* for Lichfield, who says that by all his precedents the Archbishop of Canterbury has made the grant, and the King afterwards by his letters patent has confirmed it. For the King, in this case, to grant the *Commendam* without the Archbishop would be irregular, though he is of opinion he might do it by his prerogative. Mr. Mason desires you would have corrected the mistake of John for Thomas Mason in the enclosed bill for his presentation. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 73.]
- May 30. The same to the same. Mr. Everard has at last got out Mr.
Whitehall. Bishop's order, which he has brought to me, and which I will have put as soon as possible in Colonel Titus's hands. This afternoon at the Council Chamber there was a committee for the Irish business, where they did nothing more but hear Lord Anglesey's report. Lord Craven was here about directions to be given Mr. Lock about quarters for soldiers, but said he would wait till you came to town yourself. [*Ibid.* No. 74.]
- [1671 ?] Order for certain companies of the Coldstream Guards to be re-
[May ?] quartered where they formerly were, as soon as those parts are rebuilt after the fire, that they may be drawn together to rendezvous. [*Two Drafts.* *Ibid.* No. 75.]
1671.
May 30. A. Ellis to Williamson. Stating that he had caused his packet of
Letter Office. letters for Mr. Yard to be opened, that if there were among them any foreign or country letters they might not lose that night's post, and suggesting that all his letters by the extraordinary that are for the country or foreign parts should have a cover to be taken off there. [*Ibid.* No. 76.]
- May 30. A. Ellis to ———. The archers are extremely alarmed at the report that Mr. Pitfield has obtained his pardon without any provision made by their seeming friends for the restoration of the fields. Though I, knowing the integrity of Sir Gilbert Talbot and Mr. Williamson, cannot credit such a report, you would give great satisfaction to your servants, if you would dissipate this cloud by a word or two. [*Ibid.* No. 77.]
- May 30. James Hickes to Williamson. Our archers are ready to burn their bows and arrows, to hear you have been instrumental in Pitfield's pardon. [*Ibid.* No. 78.]
- May 30. H. Brouncker to Williamson. Enclosing a bill for a lease of land
London. in Kent in his own name for the Duchess of Cleveland, and asking him to get it signed as soon as possible, as an error was found in the bill after docquets had been signed by the Treasury last week, and unless the bill is signed and returned at once, new docquets will be necessary. [*Ibid.* No. 79.]
- May 30. Dr. Lancelot Bolton to Viscount Conway. According to Mr. Attorney's advice for the King's letter, I discoursed with Mr. Secretary.

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He approved it and accordingly went and had the letter writ and signed, so that you are very much obliged to him. I think it would be well to write another letter to him of thanks. Lord Ranelagh told me there were those that said you would be constantly in England, and so the King disposed of places to people that would not attend it. He is gone through with his business, and to-day gave me the same advice as Mr. Attorney. I again desire the 20*l.* I previously asked for. [2 pages. *Conway Papers. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 80.*]

May 30. John Moore to the Navy Commissioners. Informing them that
Portsmouth. the *Diamond* went ashore but was hauled off again, and of her forwardness, and desiring to know if she is to sail to Spithead before all her provisions are in. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 76.*]

May 30. Capt. John Turner to the same. His proportion of men being
completed, presuming to present a small note specifying his charges in pressing them in London, Portsmouth, and the Downs, and desiring reimbursement. [*Ibid. No. 77.*]

May 30. Phelim O'Neill to Viscount Conway. In my last I acquainted you
Dublin. with the difficulty I had in passing the officers' new commissions, but at last I was forced to give Sir Ellis the other ten guineas, in all 20, and every guinea at 2*s.* 6*d.* exchange, so that the 20 cost 22*l.* 10*s.* at the goldsmith's, which, with other fees and gratuities, amounts to 35*l.* 12*s.* for the three commissions. I received only 12*l.* towards it, so I am out of purse 23*l.* 12*s.* Among them there is now sudden expectation of three months' pay. The Lord Lieutenant expects to sail to-night, if the wind favours. I write to night to Major Perrott to spur him to send up the rent. I know he received the last Hollantide rent, but I believe not the May yet. He owes but 100*l.*, for the odd 9*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* was levied for arrears of old quit rent due on the lot. I am desired by Sir George to send you this catalogue of the late Bishop of Dromore's books. Capt. O'Bryan's money will be paid when he comes or sends for it, for I expect our Lisburne weavers here this week. I have received the rent of Alderman Wybrants' house on the Merchants' Quay. [*Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 107.*]

May 30. Sir Robert Southwell to his brother Williamson. Announcing
Kinsale. his safe arrival there on the 27th, having left London on the 18th, and that Williamson's sister and all they came to visit were well. The *Merlin* yacht that brought us is just sailing for the Downs. [*Ibid. No. 108.*]

May 30. Warrant for a commission to Sir Richard Temple to be one of the
Windsor. Council for Foreign Plantations. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 108.*]

Docquet of the said commission, dated August. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 105.*]

May 31. Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. Acquainting him of the very
Lyme. solemn observation of the 29th, the King's birth and restoration; the trained band, under the command of Capt. Gregory Alford, being in arms, several volunteers likewise appearing, the Mayor and his brethren in their formalities going to church, where there was a sermon upon a suitable subject. After, the great guns fired,

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In the evening all the guns from the forts and cliff fired again with several volleys of small shot, the whole performed after the best manner. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 81.*]

May 31.
Milford.

John Powell to James Hickes. The *Mary* of Galway, with Canary wines and pitch for Dublin, arrived yesterday. [*Ibid. No. 82.*]

May 31.
Chester.

Matthew Anderton to Williamson. In Dublin we were astonished at the fire that happened in the Castle, but now all's well again, the mischief done by the fire excepted. The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland's horses and goods are arrived here, and himself expected the first westerly wind. [*Ibid. No. 83.*]

May 31.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to James Hickes. I am advised by a vessel from Dunkirk that the French King had walled in a great quantity of ground more, and had made a large citadel, which, when fortified as was intended, would be impregnable. There were 30,000 men at work upon it; 10,000 from 4 to 9 o'clock, 10,000 from 9 till 2, and 10,000 from 2 till 7. The nobility and officers of his army are extraordinary gallant in their apparel, their coats of cloth of gold and cloth of silver, with feathers on their hats. His Majesty himself goes very plain in the Spanish fashion, himself once a day viewing the works and workmen. His guards are in red coats trimmed with silk(?) lace; her Majesty's in blue trimmed with silver lace. They departed thence about a fortnight since for Flanders. The East India Company's ketch, sent to meet the home-ward-bound India men, came in here after cruising ten or twelve days, without meeting any of them. [*Ibid. No. 84.*]

May 31.
Windsor.

M. de Lindenow to [Williamson?]. I received the morning of the 29th your two of the 28th for the Count of Bath and myself, at the time the King was going away to perform the great ceremony of the Order of the Garter, and having communicated them to him, his Majesty told me to put them into the hands of Sir Edward Walker, as I did, requiring him to give me an answer in writing, which he has just done with promptitude, and I send you it that you may be perfectly instructed of everything that concerns that business, not doubting that the resolution of his Majesty and the Chapter on this occasion will be entirely worthy of his Danish Majesty, from the regard that will be always paid here to so great a king, so closely allied to this Crown. I do not remember having made you any promise with regard to this business, either last year or at any time, since I could do nothing, having no voice in this Chapter, nor venturing to advance anything except my desires in general of serving in everything that might depend on me, as I shall do on all occasions, the service of his Danish Majesty, and I would have assuredly worked at this if you had sooner warned me of it. [*Draft unsigned, but endorsed "Monsieur de Lindenow." In French. Ibid. No. 85.*]

May 31.
Alicante.

"Vera Relatione del Gran Combattimento seguito trà alcuni vascelli Inglesi contra altri Vascelli Barbareschi ristretti nel porto di Bugher detto Buga. . . . da gli 11 di Maggio. Cavato da una lettera venuto del porto di Alicante scritta dal Capitano Antonio

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Langstono. Tradotta dalla lingua Inglesa nell' idioma Italiano per E. A." [8 pages. *In Italian. Printed at Rome by Angelo Bernabo. Woodcut of the battle at the end. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 86.*]
- May 31. Francis Watson to the Navy Commissioners. By Saturday night all things will be ready for sheathing the *Dreadnought*, so they can begin with her Monday night. [*Ibid. No. 78.*]
- May 31. John Stanley to the same. I have sent one muster book of the *Centurion*, and when I have been at Port Mahon will send by the ships homeward bound all the muster books I have. [*Ibid. No. 79.*]
- May. Pass to Sir William Portman with his company and servants to embark for France. Two copies, one adding licence to embark — horses. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, Nos. 87, 88.*]
- May. James Lancashire to Thomas Raban. Desiring to know how matters go concerning their affairs. [*Ibid. No. 89.*]
- [May.] Proposal by [Matthew] Poole for publication of a fourth volume of his *Synopsis criticorum*, to be sold for 20s., the work having so increased that it would be disadvantageous to swell the third volume so as to contain the whole, but the subscribers are requested to signify their pleasure forthwith. With certificate by seven bishops and numerous doctors, professors, &c., of the advisability of a fourth volume. [*Ibid. No. 90.*]
- [1671 ?]
[May ?] Richard Royston's bill for things delivered to Lord Arlington for the King's service:—8 May 1669, a velvet bag with gold and silk tassels, 8*l.*; 11 August and 4 September, 24 leaves of large vellum gilt, 2*l.*; total, 10*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 89.*]
- [May ?] Note of Lord Fauconberg's extraordinaries during his embassy to Italy, amounting to 1,495*l.* [*Ibid. f. 90.*]
1671.
May. The King to the Mayor and Aldermen of Bath. Ordering them to restore George Bennet to the place of serjeant of the Cross Bath, to which he was appointed by the Commissioners for purgation of Corporations, but from which, after holding it six years, he has been unjustly removed, though a loyal person, and is reduced thereby to great poverty. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 48, p. 16.*]
- Whitehall.
[May.] Minute thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 85.*]
- May. Constitution of Sir John Earnle to be a Commissioner of the Navy with 500*l.* *per annum.* [2 copies. *Docquets, Vol. 25, Nos. 77 and 89.*]
- May. Warrant to pay to John, Lord Lovelace, Lieutenant of the manor of Woodstock, 40*l.* yearly without account, and 40*l.* yearly for hay for the deer, and 40*l.* to Sir William Fleetwood, balance of 100*l.* spent by him for hay for them in the sickness year. [*Ibid. No. 77.*]
- May. Revocation of a privy seal of 10 March last for 2,778*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* to Sir Charles Wheeler for two companies in the Leeward Isles. [*Ibid.*]
- May. Warrant to pay to Christopher Roper, page of honour to the Queen, 120*l.* *per annum.* [*Ibid.*]

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May. Draft contract by Commissioner Tippetts for complete sets of masts and yards for the *Pearl* and the *Speedwell*. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 80.]

May. John Hardwin to the Navy Commissioners. Informing them that 2,400*l.* is due to him, and of his inability in consequence to supply more goods, and desiring part payment thereof. [*Ibid.* No. 81.]

May. Thomas Stollard to Samuel Peps (Pepys). I am he that Sir E. Massie wrote to the Board about some five weeks since, requesting for me employment as a master, and beg that I may have the *Rupert*, which is expected next to be ordered. [*Ibid.* No. 82.]

May. The King to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Whereas by the Act of Explanation we granted to Charles, Viscount Fitz-harding, afterwards Earl of Falmouth, certain lands, and also by letters patent to Sir William Godolphin and Sidney Godolphin as trustees for the said Viscount, all quit rents and sums reserved out of the said lands by the said Act or the Act of Settlement, and we doubted not that we had thereby granted the one year's rent or value payable out of the said lands by the said Act, as was our intention, and whereas it has been represented by Maurice, Viscount Fitz-harding, heir of the said Charles, that the judges in Ireland are of opinion that the said year's rent or value is not sufficiently discharged by the general words, and that he has been forced to enter into a recognizance of 2,000*l.* for payment of the said year's rent or value, amounting to 1,654*l.*, before Michaelmas next; We have thought fit that the said lands be discharged of the said year's rent or value, and require Sir Alexander Bence, the receiver thereof, to give a discharge for the same to the said Viscount, and any sum already paid by him is to be repaid him and the said recognizance to be discharged. [3 Drafts. 4½ pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, Nos. 109–111.]

Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson of King's and merchants' ships in the Downs, the wind, &c.

Vol. 290. No.	Date.	King's.	Outward.	Inward.	Wind.	REMARKS.
91	May 1	1	1	1	S.W.	The <i>Reserve</i> has come in and sailed for the river.
92	" 2	1	0	3	S.	
93	" 4	1	2	4	S.W.	
94	" 5	1	5	0	S.	
95	" 6	1	5	0	S.E.	
96	" 7	1	2	0	E.	
97	" 12	1	1	0	N.E.	
98	" 13	1	2	0	S.S.E.	
99	" 22	2	1	1	N.E.	
100	[23?]	2	2	1	N.E.	
101	" 24	2	2	1	S.W.	
102	" 28	2	0	0	S.W.	
103	" 30	2	2	0	S.W.	
104	" 31	2	2	0	S.	

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June 1.

News-letter to Capt. Welsh, Rye. [The first part is identical with the last two news-letters.] On the 30th her Majesty came from Windsor to Somerset House, where she in future keeps her Court, it being now fitted for her reception. Letters from Brussels of 6 June (N.S.) say that the Prince d'Isinghien went to Enghien to compliment the French King from the Governor. The French King on the 2nd (N.S.) went from Oudenard toward Tournay, whence the Court will not remove in a month, only the King may make some visits at Aeth. Of the 28,000 that were at Dunkirk, 6,000 only remain; the rest are ordered to rendezvous between Tournay and Aeth, upon which six companies of Spanish foot are sent to Condé and St. Gillian, neighbouring places; 6,000 horse, under Mareschal de Crequi, in Lorraine, are to be at Charleroi in a few days, whither the French King goes on the 28th to view them. The differences between the Elector and City of Cologne were just on the point of accommodation, but Prince William of Furstenberg, who newly came from the French Court, interrupted that by some instructions he received thence. 'Tis said the Bishop of Strasburg is one main cause, and that, his practice being discovered, he may in a short time be made sensible of it. That the Duke of Lorraine has given his troops to the Elector is very evident, but they say it is on condition that he shall not employ them against the Emperor, the Empire, or the city of Cologne. The differences about Hoxter are come to that pass that the Lünenburg forces are marching there, and some action is expected.

Hague, June 5 (N.S.).—The States-General seem much alarmed that the Princes of Lünenburg have laid siege to Brunswick, and are framing instructions for their deputies, who are now at Bielfeld, to mediate. The Holland armies lying on the borders, the Spanish Ambassador desired that they might take the field, but the States are very unwilling, as it might give the French some provocation. German letters speak of more of the accomplices in the Hungarian rebellion detected, among them the late commander of the fort of St. Andrew at Candia. The Turkish forces quarter about the same frontier places they did in the beginning of the last war, which gives the Venetians great jealousy. The Persians had some dispute with the Turks about the borders of Babylon, in which about 2,000 lost their lives. [3½ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 105.]

June 1.

Dr. Desfontaines-Voutron to Williamson. Having met the bearer at Madame Hamilton's, who said he was going to London, I take the opportunity of informing you that Messrs. Booth and Forbes have reported on my affair conformably to the King's orders, and that the Lord Lieutenant has confirmed it before leaving, so that I hope to have the reasonable satisfaction I demand. Mr. Petit will communicate a memoir I have sent him in order to make the design succeed to the contentment of all. [*In French. Ibid.* No. 106.]

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Essex House.

John Rushworth to Williamson. Asking him to inquire of Lord Arlington whether he has moved his Majesty concerning the approving of Mr. Kitchingman as town clerk of York. [*Ibid.* No. 107.]

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Landguard
Fort.

Sir Chas. Lyttelton to Williamson. Asking him to put Lord Arlington in mind of an order about which the Lord Keeper spoke to him for the release of Joseph Midgeley, a soldier in his company, committed last year to Ipswich gaol by the Lord Keeper's directions, for being privy to the rebellious insurrection in the North several years ago, who has lain in prison ever since, without ever having been brought to trial, or anyone appearing against him, and who is very sick without any relief except from the charity of the town.

Postscript.—If the subsidy rise no higher in other parts than it does in these, the King (I doubt) will find his accounts fall very short. I am sure in some of the hundreds they do not pay at most above 60 per cent. for their lands and rents, and I scarce believe in any above 80. Personal estates amount to almost nothing considerable. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 108.*]

June 1.
Chatham
Dock.

Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. Informing them that the *Dunkirk* is docked, and her repairs will exceed the first estimate by 930*l.*, asking directions whether she is to be thoroughly repaired or fitted for only one voyage, proposing the launching of the *Lion* out of the single dock and bringing in the *Dreadnought* there to be sheathed, and to bring in the *Victory* after the *Dreadnought*, and to bring the *Lion* into the double dock after launching the *Antelope*, and stating that the smiths have left work these six or eight days, so that they are in great want of ironwork. [*Nearly 3 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 83.*]

June 1.
Portsmouth.

Anthony Deane to the same. Requesting an order to the officers of the Ordnance for about 36 tons of iron shot for ballast for the new yacht. The *Diamond* is now fitted, and the *Rupert* in hand. [*Ibid. No. 84.*]

June 1.

Jonas Shish to the same. Proposing that the furnaces of the *Algiers* be placed in her hold, and desiring to know if the figure of the town of Algiers is to be left in her stern or to be taken down and replaced by the King's arms. Ironwork is wanted to carry on the works in hand here. [*Ibid. No. 85.*]

June 1.

John Morehouse to the same. Informing them that by Midsummer he hopes to bring to the wharf all the timber from Whittlewood Forest, and desiring directions about giving the widow warning to leave the wharf or not, and informing them there is continued and great destruction of lopping the spear oaks and thriving trees under the pretence of browse for the deer, though there are many thousand pollards there fit for no other use. [*Ibid. No. 86.*]

June 1.
Windsor.

Warrant to the Lord Lieutenant for granting to Viscount Grandison and Edward Villiers the manor and lands of Castle-kevin and the territory or precinct called the Fertrye in the county of Wicklow, the King's title to which they undertake to make out at their own charges, in fee simple at the rent of 40*l. per annum.* [*1½ page. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 112.*]

Two drafts thereof. [*Ibid. Nos. 113, 113A.*]

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[June ?] Alice and Luce Byron, daughters of the late Major-Gen. Gilbert Byron, to the King. Petition praying for continuance of the pension of 200*l.* granted to their mother, lately deceased, after the restoration, for the maintenance of herself and children, they having no other support. *On the back,*
- June 2. *Order thereon, granting the prayer.* [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290,
Windsor. No. 109.]
- June 2. John Gould to Williamson. Desiring that some assignment
London. may be made for securing the salary of Mr. Bradley, the intended Consul at Tripoli. [*Ibid.* No. 110.]
- June 2. Sir John Robinson to Williamson. Stating that he had made
Whitechapel. inquiries about Bradley, and found him a very unfit person for the Consulship, but had got a very excellent one if he can be persuaded to go. [*Ibid.* No. 111.]
- June 2. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. No news, except a report that
Plymouth. our frigates had taken two Algiers men-of-war. [*Ibid.* No. 112.]
- June 2. Reference of a memorial of John Baptiste Duteil to Sir George
Downing, with his report that 100*l.* be allowed to him, and 2*s.* 6*d.* a day for four persons that go with him. [*In parts illegible.* *Ibid.* No. 113.]
- June 2. Dr. William Thomas, Dean, and the Chapter of Worcester, to the
Worcester. King. Notifying their election to the vacant bishopric of Walter Blandford, Bishop of Oxford. [*In Latin, on parchment.* S.P. Dom., Car. II., Case C.]
- June 2. The King to the Bassa and people of Tripoli. Letter of credence
Windsor. to [Nathaniel] Bradley as Consul there. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 71.]
- June 2. The King to the Bassa, the Dey, and the people of Tunis. Ex-
Windsor. pressing his content at the accounts from Sir Edw. Spragg of their strict observance of the peace, and desiring them to rest assured that he, on his part, is not less careful to have it maintained firm and inviolate. [*Ibid.*]
- June 2. Privy seal for 1,500*l.* to Don Bernardo de Salinas. Minute.
[S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 101.]
Docquet thereof, dated the 14th. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 80.*]
- June 2. Privy seal for 1,000*l.* to Edw. Manfeild. Minute. [S.P. Dom.,
Entry Book 34, f. 101.]
Docquet thereof, dated the 14th. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 80.*]
- June 2. Privy seal for 1,000*l.* to Sir William Bassett. Minute. [S.P.
Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 101.]
Docquet thereof, dated the 14th. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 80.*]
- June 2. Privy seal for 5,600*l.* to Lord Arlington, for secret services.
Minute. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 101.]
Docquet thereof, dated the 14th. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 80.*]

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Windsor.

Privy seal for an imprest of 14,954*l.* on account to Sir Stephen Fox, for interest of moneys borrowed by him for pay of the Guards and land forces. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 102.*]

Docquet thereof, dated the 6th. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 78.*]

June 2.
Windsor.

The King to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter. Granting a dispensation for non-residence to Baldwin Acland, B.D., canon residentiary and treasurer of the Cathedral, he being from age so infirm that he cannot keep his residence, and desiring that he may enjoy all the benefits of his place, as if resident. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 72.*]

[June 2.] Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 114.*]

June 2.
Chatham
Dock.

Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. Desiring that some of the Earl of Winchelsea's timber be supplied, suggesting that the paving stones be continued on board the *Dunkirk* for ballast, provided the master attendants did not sell the paving-stones from the King's yard, and urging again the launching of the *Lion*, that the *Dreadnought* be done in the single dock, as she cannot be so well done on the careen. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 87.*]

June 2.
Chatham.

John Cox to the same. I know not what to advise about launching the *Lion*, giving reasons for and against it. All that was done formerly both in shipwrights' and joiners' work to the *Dunkirk* will be lost. I find the master shipwright in this, as in other cases, has repairs done by halves. I suggest the *Dreadnought* might be done on the careen, both docks being full. I shall give order for the complement of men—twelve—on the *Little Lion* and *Francis* fireships. The shipwrights' and other works are much hindered for want of ironwork, the smiths refusing to work till their arrears are paid. I ask that more money be imprested to pay board wages and for the bricks and lime mentioned in the enclosed contract. [2 pages. *Ibid. No. 88.*] *Enclosed,*

Contract, dated 24 May, by Edw. Hill, to supply 25,000 bricks at 17s. per thousand, and 20 loads of lime of 32 bushels each at 14s. per load. [Ibid. No. 88.]

June 3.
Whitehall.

R. Yard to Williamson. The Attorney-General's clerk promises that Sir Richard Temple's commission shall be ready to-day. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 115.*]

June 3.
Whitehall.

R. Yard to Williamson. I received the packet by Mr. Bridgeman, but could not return the bill, the Signet Office being shut, and cannot get Sir Richard Temple's commission out of the Attorney-General's hands. I enclose a request for a *caveat* concerning the town clerk of York. Capt. Manley was with me this afternoon about the Guernsey business. [*Ibid. No. 116.*] *Enclosed,*

June 3.
Gray's Inn.

Robert Benson (?) to Williamson. Desiring that a caveat be entered on behalf of Sir Henry Thompson, and other aldermen, against the approval by the King of Kitchingman's election as town clerk of York, till they be heard against

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his nomination and election, which they allege was made at a private meeting of the Lord Mayor and three or four aldermen, without calling a Common Council or giving notice to the other aldermen. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 116L.]

June 3.
Lyme.

Anthony Thorold to James Hickey. The *Happy Entrance* from Morlaix reports that the seamen daily march thence and from other places along that coast to Rochelle and Brest to their King's fleet. [*Ibid.* No. 117.]

June 3.

News-letter to Sir William Wyndham at Orchard Wyndham. [The first part is identical with previous news-letters.] Her Majesty having performed her devotions on Ascension Day at Somerset House, returned on the 2nd to Windsor. On the 2nd the Privy Council made but short sitting, his Majesty not coming to London, as was believed. The Lords Commissioners of the Treasury sat every day this week, and on the 2nd, both forenoon and afternoon, to despatch their business for their adjournment. From the Hague they write that M. de Groot, Ambassador to France, on the 8th, gave an account of his negotiation to the States-General, which they approved so well that they intended to send him thither again to try how affairs between France and them may be settled. That the French Ambassador will leave Holland is certain, and it is thought will be presently after his return from France, and that M. Courtin, who was at the Treaty at Breda, is to succeed him. M. Heynes, their Resident in Sweden, is recalled, and M. Rompf, secretary to their embassy in France, is to succeed him. The city of Brunswick stands on its defence, and have sent their deputies to the princes of Lünenburg and the Imperial Diet at Ratisbon. They had but very short notice before the Lünenburg army of 18,000 men moved towards them, so that they are not provided for any considerable time. French letters of the 6th say that the French and Dutch were on the point of accommodating their differences about trade, the French by the complaint from several ports being brought to a better understanding, and that now they will reduce all new impositions on both sides to the treaty between them of 1662. The French King has ordered that all the garrison troops should march out of Provence, Languedoc, and Dauphiny towards the Spanish Netherlands. Hague letters of the 9th say that the deputies from Brunswick returned without success, the princes demanding that the city should swear allegiance to them, and that half of their senates should be appointed by them, and that they should deliver up to them the keys of one of their gates, which the city not agreeing to, the cannon play lustily on both sides. The *Tiger* and *Crown* are to convoy some merchantmen to the Straits, and then join Sir E. Spragg against Algiers. [3½ pages. *Ibid.* No. 118.]

June 3.
Whitehall.

William Bridgeman to Williamson. The Lord Keeper desires that Lord Arlington would get the King to prick a sheriff for Merionethshire instead of Morris Wyn, deceased, and thinks the next on the roll, John Parry, the fittest person. [*Ibid.* No. 119.]

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June 3.
Hackney.

Sir Thomas Player to Williamson. I send an enclosure picked up yesterday in the road to Tottenham. Yesterday I was with Sir Thomas Robinson and my master finishing the subsidies for the Tower Hamlets. If other parts of the kingdom are as zealous the tax may prove considerable, but if they follow the precedent of London, the King will be greatly disappointed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 120.]

June 3.
Letter Office.

A. Ellis to Williamson. Desiring him to use means for the more diligent and orderly despatch of letters from his office, as none come till 11.30. [*Ibid.* No. 121.]

June 3.
Warwick.

Henry Stubbs to Viscount Conway. Forwarding Bacon's piece *On the Government of England*. [*Conway Papers. Ibid.* No. 122.]

June 3.
Whitehall.

Sir Edward Walker, Garter King-at-Arms, to Viscount Conway. Concerning some arrangements for the funeral of Lord Conway's mother. [*Conway Papers. Ibid.* No. 123.]

June 3.

Major Thomas Beckford to the Navy Commissioners. Desiring a present supply of money, without which he is unable to make any further provision for the fleet, having received only 552*l.* since Sir Thomas Allin's going to the Straits, and having not received one penny since his application a month ago, that the bills he had by him should be paid. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 89.]

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(received).

John Godwin to the same. Report of the provisions he has surveyed on board the ships at the Buoy of the Nore, whose companies he has mustered. [*Ibid.* No. 90.]

June 3.
Windsor
Castle.

The King to the Commissioners for regulation of judicatories in Scotland. Adding James, Archbishop of St. Andrews, to that commission. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 1, p. 213.]

June 3.
Windsor
Castle.

The King to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury and others of the Exchequer in Scotland. Adding Sir Andrew Ramsay, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, to their number. [*Ibid.* p. 214.]

June 3.
Windsor
Castle.

The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. Directing them to remove the stop on the procedures of James Seaton of Towch, formerly appointed surveyor of all contraveners of the laws made concerning the taking of a peck to the boll of victual, with benefit of the fines of such contraveners, if they find he may exercise such power without giving just cause of complaints and grievances to the King's other subjects. [*Ibid.* p. 215.]

June 3.
Windsor
Castle.

Warrant for a commission appointing Sir William Bruce of Balcaskie, baronet, to be surveyor, contriver, and overseer, of all the works at the palace of Holyrood House, and of such other castles and palaces in Scotland as the King shall appoint to be repaired, with a salary of 300*l.* sterling. [*Ibid.* p. 216.]

June 3.
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Castle.

The King to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury in Scotland. Having perused the plan of the ground with the draft of the intended palace of Holyrood House, we enclose directions for purchasing such adjacent grounds as we think necessary, and also

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concerning the alterations we judge convenient. We authorise you to proceed in the purchase of the grounds and houses belonging to the Bishop and the Dean of Edinburgh. You shall also proceed in what concerns the burial places and new passage to the church according to the enclosed directions, and you are to consider of the purchase of the other ground therein mentioned. You are to return your opinion on the alterations proposed in the outer fabric, and the disposing of the apartments, after consulting Sir William Bruce, to whom you are to pay the salary granted him. *At foot,*

Eleven alterations and directions proposed by the King in the design submitted to him, of which he approves in general.
[*S.P. Scotland Warrant Book 1, p. 221.*]

June 3.
Windsor
Castle.

Warrants for the presentation of James Carnaigie, minister at Kilmarnock, to Aberbrothock; — — — to the kirk of Kilrynnie (the blank to be filled by the Archbishop of St. Andrews); Ninian Paterson, minister at Deserfe, to the kirk of Smellam; David Stirling, a minister of Edinburgh, to the kirk of Cockburnspath; and Robert Junken to the kirk of Abernethie respectively. [*Ibid. pp. 226–230.*]

June 3.
Windsor
Castle.

Warrant for a charter to Roger Hog, advocate, and Katherine his spouse, in conjunct fee, and to the said Roger his heirs and assigns, of the lands of Harcarse and the teinds of two merkland thereof, and of the lands of Boigend and Fogomilne, and of other lands and teinds, with a *novodamus*, and changing the holding from simple ward to taxt ward. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 231.*]

June 3.
Lisburne.

Sir George Rawdon to Viscount Conway. Concerning accounts, the commissions for the three officers, and his lordship's government of Charlemont, the decoy, park, and garden, the deer and fawns, the gardener, the work of the bricklayers and carpenters, &c. I renew my acknowledgments for your care and cost for that child that gives you so much trouble, and particularly has been an occasion for our unfortunate brother to quarrel. If he were or would be a man of government, how useful might he have been to you and his relations, and particularly how fit for Charlemont! God give him grace of repentance and reformation before he be taken out of the world, where he has been a most useless person. [*2½ pages. Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 114.*]

June 3.
At the King's
Head Inn, in
the Strand.

Major Manley to Williamson. Asking him to despatch these letters to the Governor and Estates of Jersey, the first touching Sir Thomas Morgan's leave, and the second concerning the contract for the new pier, and also the order of the King and Council concerning the said contract, [*S.P. Channel Islands 9, No. 3.*]

June 4.
Whitehall.

Robert Yard to Williamson. Enclosing the account of Sir Edward Spragg's success at Bugia, arrived that afternoon from Marseilles by the French post. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 124.*]

June 4.
The Tower.

Sir John Robinson to Williamson. I find Mr. Bradley is willing to go, but he cannot find anyone to advance him 100*l.* I told him if he did not make haste he would be rejected. I have an answer

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ready to the scandalous petition or paper you gave me, without telling me by whom it was handed you. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 125.*]

June 4. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Diamond* is ready to sail.
Portsmouth. [*Ibid. No. 126.*]

June 4. Philip Lanyon to Williamson. Shipping news. [*Ibid. No. 127.*]
Plymouth.

June 4. The King to William, Earl of Ogle, Lord Lieutenant of Northumberland and Newcastle. Approving of the diligence of the mayor and magistrates of Newcastle-on-Tyne, in suppressing a tumult caused by the tumultuous assembling of the keelmen, on pretext of being ill dealt with by the masters of the colliers as to hire and wages; and ordering him to instruct the mayor, aldermen, and deputy-lieutenants of the town to proceed vigorously in its suppression, using the militia when needful, and to direct Lord Widdrington, or the nearest deputy-lieutenants of Northumberland, to aid with the militia, even by force and rigour if required, to stop the riots. Lord Widdrington is not to leave the care thereof till he see all calmed, and a constant account of proceedings is to be given. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 72.*]

[June 4.] Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 128.*]

June 4. Capt. John Willgress to the Navy Commissioners. The *Wel-*
The *Welcome*, come and *Assistance* arrived at the Barbadoes in perfect health
in Carlisle Bay. on the 30th, having sailed from the Downs on April 6th, arrived at
Madeira the 27th, and sailed thence 1 May. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 91.*]

June 4. Capt. John Tinker to Col. Thomas Middleton. Desiring a
Deptford. warrant for entering men on board the *French Victory*, and a supply
of blocks. [*Ibid. No. 92.*]

June 4. Sir Ellis Leighton to Williamson. My eye continues so sore that
The *Mary* I am forced to use another hand. We went aboard on last Mon-
Yacht. day night, set sail, and continued working till Tuesday afternoon,
when we were glad to go ashore at Dunleary, four or five miles
from Dublin. The wind has ever since been contrary. We came
aboard again last night, but having struggled in vain, the wind
being strong at east, we were forced in again. The packet boat,
lying closer to the wind, is going off now again. The Lords Justices
forbear being sworn till the Lord Lieutenant be in all probability
got over. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 115.*]

June 5. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Yesterday died Mr. William
Truro. Pendarves of Roscrow, M.P. for Penryn, generally lamented.
[*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 129.*]

June 5. Sir Robert Carr to Williamson. My mother and I thank you
for your favour to my nephew. We are glad we first pitched upon
a commoner. In the subsidy some have done things not to be
answered, and have prevented a great sum being raised, but where-
ever I could be constant it is very well, and where I was sometimes

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pretty well. Had I not laboured night and day almost, it would have come to little, and where it is truly performed it raises no great proportion. The practices of some are unpardonable, and I am sufficiently railed at, and three or four you know take great pains. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 130.*]

[June ?]
Queen's College,
Oxford.

Thos. Crosthwait to Williamson. I will admit a scholar recommended by you to my bosom as well as to my chamber, but if needful I will correct and keep him close to his studies as if he were a commoner, for the Provost, for Sir Rob. Carr's sake, would have him entered a gentleman commoner. He does pretty well in Latin, but has only just entered on Greek. [*Ibid. No. 131.*]

June 5.
Yarmouth
in the Isle of
Wight.

Sir Robert Holmes to Williamson. I am no longer able to do your business without help. I have written to Lord Arlington about Hurst Castle. [*Ibid. No. 132.*]

June 5.
Whitehall.

Lord Ancram to Williamson. Thanking him for sending the warrant for Mr. Manfeild, and asking him to get the bill from the Signet Office signed as soon as possible. [*Ibid. No. 133.*]

June 5.

Sir John Robinson to Williamson. Acknowledging his of 3 June, with the enclosed for the Commissioners of Lieutenancy of the City. [*Ibid. No. 134.*]

June 5.
Post Office.

Robert Yard to Williamson. I have not yet been able to get Sir Richard Temple's commission from the Attorney-General. I waited yesterday on Mr. Treasurer with the Leghorn letters, who said he would willingly have seen the particular account which Sir Thomas Clutterbuck says he gave my lord of Mr. Clifford's corpse being carried on board. I hope you will approve of what was said in the *Gazette* of Sir E. Spragg's success. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ page. *Ibid. No. 135.*]

June 5.
Windsor.

The King to the Bailiffs and Jurats of Jersey. Confirming the agreement of the Estates of Jersey with Sir Thomas Morgan, the Governor, for the erecting of a pier under the fort at St. Aubin's. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 72.*]

June 5.
9 leagues off
Scilly.

Capt. Charles Wylde to the Navy Commissioners. Informing them that the *Assurance* has arrived safe in the Channel, and giving an account of his voyage from Leghorn, which he left 25 March. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 93.*]

June 5.

Sir John Frederick to the same. In answer to their demand to restore stores left in the *Rumney*, stating there were none but what were old and of little value, of which the salvage was paid according to appraisement to the Commissioners of the Treasury, and complaining that, when she was retaken by his Majesty's ships, instead of being restored in Spain to the owner's agents, she was detained by Lord Howard, and employed many months in the King's service, and that when she did come home, before possession was given they took out of her whatever they pleased. [*Ibid. No. 94.*]

June 5.
The *Tiger*.

Capt. John Turner to the same. Acquiescing in their refusal of short allowance money, and desiring that the old tickets of his crew be paid, of which he will suddenly send a list. [*Ibid. No. 95.*]

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Whitehall.

News-letter to William Symonds, Launceston. The *Anne* of Weymouth, arrived on the 2nd from St. Martins, advises that ten good French ships with four flyboats went for Sallee, the flyboats to be filled with stones and sunk on the bar to keep the pirates from putting to sea, and that four French ships went from Brest into St. Martins, one of them the *Lewis*, a new ship of 120 guns, commanded by M. de Caen. From Alicante letters of May 11th say that Sir E. Spragg had been some time on the coast of Algiers with six frigates and two fireships, and that Capt. Beach had chased a great Turkish ship ashore twelve leagues east of Algiers, supposed to have been a rich vessel, carrying several pilgrims for Mecca, and that the English had taken three or four smaller barks and a French saitia bound to Algiers with provisions; that the *Dragon* had been engaged three days with two Turkish men-of-war, and, being near and resolving to board one of them, the officer who guided the ship was unfortunately shot, which caused a mistake at helm, and the ship cast the contrary way, so that the Turks got the wind and made several shots at her, but as soon as they could fit again the Turks fled and escaped. Capt. Herbert was shot in the face by a musket bullet, but not dangerously, and about ten of his men hurt. Fourteen Algiers men-of-war were said to be abroad at the Levant, and four of them six months out, so that if the Grand Signior had not detained them in his service there is probability they may be lost. . . . A bark arriving at Leghorn from Tripoli reports that they have taken and brought in an English ship with oils, two Genoese, and one of Marseilles. French letters speak as if the King had a design suddenly to besiege Homburg and Biche (Bitsch), places pawned to the Duke of Lorraine, whilst they are yet in his possession, and the sooner to prevent the Emperor, who has commissioned the Electors of Mentz, Trier, and Saxony, to take them into their hands till the money be paid, and the Duke of Lorraine withdraw his garrison. [$3\frac{1}{2}$ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 136.]

June 6.
Plymouth.Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 137.]June 6.
Whitehall.

Robert Yard to Williamson. I send my Lord's privy seal with two others for Mr. Manfeild and Sir William Hassell. The enclosed Order in Council is to direct my Lord to draw up a letter to Ireland for a yearly pension to Capt. Fitzgerald. I cannot get Sir Richard Temple's commission. The Bishop of Worcester's business lies ready at the Signet to pass the Privy Seal. Mr. Bradley cannot tell us his positive resolution till he gets his money. Yesterday we went together to Mr. Laurence, who was appointed to buy the presents, but found that want of money is like to stop that too; we pressed Sir G. Downing with the necessity of having immediately the 200*l.*, as the ship would be gone in two days. [*Nearly 2 pages. Ibid.* No. 138.]

June 6.

John Ashburnham to Williamson. Desiring to have the contract for victualling the Navy, between the King and himself, and Sir D. Ashburnham, Sir D. Gauden, and Benjamin Gauden, passed by

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immediate warrant, to avoid the delays that would be otherwise occasioned. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 139.*]

June 6. Sir D. Gauden to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No. 140.*]

June 6. Sir Thomas Clifford to Williamson. Thanking him for his
Whitehall. letters and the enclosed from Leghorn. [*Ibid. No. 141.*]

June 6. Sir John Robinson to Williamson. I intend to be at Kingston
The Tower. on Wednesday at dinner. [*Ibid. No. 142.*]

June 6. The same to the same. At the Lieutenancy of the City his
The Tower. Majesty's letter was read with all due reverence. We have been busy about laying the tax, which is now effected. I have spoken with Sir Joseph Sheldon, Sir Andrew King, Sir Thomas Player, and others of meeting you to-morrow at Kingston, but they cannot, so I desire to be excused, notwithstanding my promise this morning, but hope I shall not fail whatever other day you appoint. I am subpœnaed as a witness at Guildhall to-morrow. Here are two renegadoes prisoners long since committed by the King's order, who lie on the King's charges, who desire to go to Jamaica or anywhere else, which I would see effected, had I an order. To-day Judge Morton was here to have spoken with Blood senior, but having no order for it, I denied him, and Blood seeing him out of the window was startled a bit. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *Ibid. No. 143.*]

June 6. Lord Frescheville to Williamson. Asking him to move Lord Arlington that the King's hand be obtained as soon as possible to his old business of the lease of Eekington. [*Ibid. No. 144.*]

June 6. Robert Yard to Williamson. Excusing himself for his letters
Whitehall. having been late for the post, and laying the blame on Bridgeman. Mr. Bradley says Mr. Dethick of Leghorn has offered to provide his money, if promised by Williamson reimbursement in six or seven months. [*Ibid. No. 145.*]

[Before Anne Walwin to the King. Petition praying to be included in
June 6.] the next free pardon, having been convicted at the last Old Bailey sessions for felony, and sentenced to be transported. [*Ibid. No. 145A.*]

[Before Anne Walwin, prisoner in Newgate, to Sir John Howell, Re-
June 6.] corder of London. Petition, stating that her petition to the King to be included in the next free pardon would not be granted without a certificate from him or Judge Morton to testify that it was for a bare felony, and for no other crime, and praying him to grant her such a certificate. *At foot,*

*Note by Sir J. Howell that, though there was no reference to him on the matter, at the petitioner's request he declared that she was convicted of felony for 45s. 10d., and for no other cause, for which she is to be transported. [*Ibid. No. 145B.*]*

June 6. Robert Yard to Williamson. Mr. Laurence has procured a warrant for the 200*l.*, and will get the things very speedily ready for the Consul's hands. Herewith you will receive a new contract for

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victualling the Navy. Sir D. Gauden and Co. earnestly desire its speedy return, and that it may pass by immediate warrant. If you have with you the warrant freeing Anne Walwin from transportation, they earnestly desire you to send it up by to-morrow night, as on Thursday they are to plead their pardons. The parties concerned in the Town Clerk of York's business desire to know what has passed, being advised that the mayor with a few others has returned one for his Majesty's approbation which they desire may be stopped till they are heard. The privy seal about the baronets is very much called for here by Colonel Reimes of the Standing Wardrobe. I cannot yet get Sir Richard Temple's commission out of Mr. Harris's hands. [2½ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 146.]

[June 6.]
Rochester.

Major William Rolleston to Williamson. Desiring "that my lord and you will not let me be so much abused in my absence, for that little rennord (reynard), Sir Stephen Fox, hath procured an order more out of malice to me and his own advantage than the King's service, to reduce my soldiers to 4s. 8d. a week, and also that favour which I must only attribute to my Lord Arlington he would assume to himself . . . From this little pickroun's (pickaroon's) tricks I beg my lord's and your protection." Endorsed as received the 8th. [*Ibid.* No. 147.]

June 6.
Letter Office.

A. Ellis to Williamson. Concerning the want of strict and punctual despatch at Windsor and from Whitehall, and Lord Arlington's remark that there were too many posts running. [*Ibid.* No. 148.]

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London.

A. Ellis to Williamson. I know timing of bus[iness] is only difficult at first, wherein I remain as opinionastre as a mule, though Mr. Bridgeman is not very well pleased at my strictness, but the matter is essential, or the due course of the packet will fall. I shall serve Sir John Benet about the postmaster of Northampton. [*Ibid.* No. 149.]

June 6.
Red Lion
in Holborn.

Miles Pennington to Williamson. Enclosing a certificate from George La[w]son, and begging of him to hasten the *mandamus* for his Bachelor's degree in Dublin. [*Ibid.* No. 150.] *Enclosed,*

May 20.

Certificate by George Walker, his tutor, and John Steele, that George Lawson, son of Sir Wilfred Lawson, of Isell in Cumberland, entered the College 7 August 1666, and continued a diligent student and one of good behaviour there till 26 June 1670. [Ibid. No. 150i.]

June 6.

Royal assent to the election of Dr. Walter Blandford, Bishop of Oxford, as Bishop of Worcester, in the room of Dr. Skinner. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 78.*]

June 6.
The *Diamond*
at Spithead.

Capt. John Holmes to the Navy Commissioners. The *Diamond* got here yesterday; giving an account of their condition as to victualling, and desiring despatch of what is not yet come. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 96.]

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June 6. Portsmouth. John Moore to the same. Giving an account of the *Diamond* having sailed and of the condition of her victualling. The *Rupert* is being rigged and will be ready to be hauled on shore to grave on Monday or Tuesday. Lord Hatton's ketch is not yet come. The *Jersey* arrived at Spithead last night. An order to receive her into harbour is desired. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 97.*]
- June 6. Portsmouth. Anthony Deane to the same. Desiring order to the officers of the Ordnance for shot to ballast the yacht, and three tons of lead for weights to carry fore and aft to trim her as may be required, and again desiring the rosin, &c. [*Ibid. No. 98.*]
- June 6. Portsmouth. Edward Silvester to the same. Desiring that speedy order be given for payment of the bill of 200*l.* imprest, that he may finish the chain. [*Ibid. No. 99.*]
- June 6. Sir Denis Gauden to the same. Giving an account of what provisions have been and are being shipped for the Straits fleet. [*Ibid. No. 100.*]
- June 6. Sir John Harman to Thomas Hayter. Desiring that 60 tickets be sent him by his purser. [*Ibid. No. 101.*]
- June 6. Dublin. Sir N. Armorer to Williamson. This very time produces more wonders than many ages before, or else Lord Roscommon could never have been, as we hear he is like to be, one of our Lord Treasurers. I have written to Lords Arran and Aungier about an affair of my own. On stating my accounts since my being in Duncannon fort, 423*l.* proves due to me for my entertainment, which I would fain have before the new Commissioners come in our Treasury. As soon as I hear from them, I will send over my ensign, who must return ere I return, which I hope to be in Needwood by the end of next month, and send you some potted venison. I will send you by him 45 guineas with 40,000 thanks. My lease is passed; Sir Ellis has done his part; I will thank him the first money it brings in, but as yet he would not take anything. But, oh! the Countess (he has brought his government with him) will make all hearts ache. Look out you, and keep Plump Luck out of her sight, or she will captivate his little pretty tender heart too. We have great expectations she will do miracles. [4 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 116.*]
- June 7. Chester. Sir Ellis Leighton to Williamson. We are landed here, and shall start for London to-day. Pray convey to Lord Aungier the letters I have directed to be left with you. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 152.*]
- June 7. Post Office. Robert Yard to Williamson. I have not gone to Kingston, hearing that Sir John Robinson could not meet you there, and therefore supposing you would not come. I enclose Sir R. Temple's commission. Monsieur Guitault's pension stops at the Treasury, where he has been these nineteen days soliciting a docquet. Ann Walwin's pardon will be too late for the general pardon unless she has it to-night or to-morrow morning. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *Ibid. No. 153.*]

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June 7. Matthew Lock to Williamson. Desiring him to present to Lord Arlington the enclosed about arms and bedding agreed to by the Master of the Ordnance. The order about Major Rolleston has been sent to Sir Stephen Fox. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 154.]
Enclosed,
- June 6. *Sir Thomas Chicheley to Matthew Lock. Concerning the exchange of arms for Captain Walter's company, and the exchange and supply of bedding for Sir Charles Lyttelton. [Ibid. No. 154i.]*
- June 7. James Hickes to Williamson. Requesting him to write to London. Justice Pitfeild and advise him to set up the stakes missing in his grounds or the major part of them, as the archers may think most convenient, which will be far less charge to him than to be forced to take out his pardon, which undoubtedly he will be forced to in case of his continued averseness, and asking him, if he writes, to send it under flying seal, that his fellow archers may understand he has a continued kindness for them in preserving their just and lawful recreation. [*Ibid.* No. 155.]
- June 7. Sir John Robinson to Williamson. Again explaining why he was unable to meet him at Kingston that day. [*Ibid.* No. 156.]
- June 7. The same to the same. Again explaining that he could not meet him because of Sir Samuel Starling's trial at Guildhall about Master of the Bridge House, which Lord Chief Justice Vaughan gave against him, for that he would not suffer a pole (poll) for it, and Judge Vaughan is for such an office, ale conners, and other offices in the City, to go by poll. The way of poll in the City is a tumultuous way and of ill consequence, and not known in the City. I likewise attended the Old Bailey sessions, where was the Lord Chief Baron and three more judges, but no great store of business. [*Ibid.* No. 157.]
- June 7. H. Brouncker to Williamson. I have herewith sent a bill for a privy seal for the 1,095*l.* payable from my baronet, Sir John Sabine, which I did not intend to have passed yet, had not Mr. Reemes' privy seal—by which the King gives all moneys due from baronets after 1 May last to the Standing Wardrobe, which will swallow up mine, unless it pass first—necessitated me to it. I have prevailed with Secretary Trevor to grant me a caveat till I can send this bill to Windsor, which I beseech you to get signed and returned as soon as possible, with a line from Lord Arlington to a Commissioner of the Treasury to declare the King's pleasure that they should sign the docquet. [*Ibid.* No. 158.]
- June 7. Sir Robert Holmes to Williamson. Asking him to quicken Yarmouth. Mr. Lock and send the King's order for the establishment at Hurst Castle as soon as possible, and also the establishment for his company, as otherwise he will be put to great expense before the men are entered into the King's pay. [*Ibid.* No. 159.]
- June 7. Thomas Holden to Williamson. Against the moneys upon the Falmouth. Subsidy Act come in, the Exchequer will be full, for the assessors have been so nice of their oaths, and the Commissioners so careful

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of his Majesty's concerns, that it is believed there will be near four or five hundred thousand pounds brought into the Exchequer if other counties rate proportionable to ours; but this is like other taxes, for had two or three been formerly duly executed, his Majesty would less have wanted money and the country have paid fewer rates. [S.P. Dom., Car. II., 290, No. 160.]

June 7.
Lyme.

Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. The *Sara* from Morlaix met yesterday off the Start six London merchantmen (whose names and captains are given) from the Straits, which were convoyed as far as Cadiz with some other ships. They left Sir Edward Spragg before Algiers; it was thought he would do some notable service upon them. But five Turks men-of-war abroad, neither heard they of any mischief they had lately done. The French King intends for Rochelle ere long to view his fleet. He lost three ships very lately in Cameret Road going for Brest. [*Ibid.* No. 161.]

June 7.

Dr. Lancelot Bolton to Viscount Conway. If your lordship will send me two horses and a man to be here next Saturday, I will leave on Monday. Lord Ranelagh has perfected his business. [*Conway Papers.* *Ibid.* No. 162.]

June 7.

Grant to Sir William Sanderson, and Bridget his wife, mother of the maids of honour, of an annuity of 200*l.* *per annum* for their joint lives and the life of the survivor, with a proviso that this shall not be a precedent for any other. Minute. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 103.]

Docquet thereof, dated the 30th. [*Docquets*, Vol. 25, No. 89.]

June 7.
Chatham.

John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I have ordered the *Lion* to be launched that the *Dreadnought* may be docked in her room, but I complain of her having been in dock six weeks to no purpose through the shipwright's delays, in order to have other vessels docked. The new cabins in the *Dunkirk* were built in 1668, and considerable repairs done to her, which are all now taken down except the head. Boatswains are wanted for the *Little Lion* and *Francis*. Capt. Page, who has been appointed to take charge of the pinnaces and boats appointed for the defence of the ships here, has requested to be allowed two servants and victuals for himself, as to which your pleasure is desired. I have sold Mr. Ruffhead a quantity of old iron on the same terms as the former parcel, and suggest the sale of a quantity of old lead to Mr. Lake, the plumber. Sir John Chicheley desires the coach of the *Dreadnought* to be raised four inches. I enclose a tender of timber, which the owner will not deliver without his money. [2 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 102.] *Enclosed*,

The said tender by Mr. Helby. [*Ibid.* No. 102*i.*]

June 7.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. In favour of Robert Boyle, according to the prayer of the petition of 26 May, calendared *ante*, p. 278. [S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 78.]

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Two drafts thereof. [S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, Nos. 117, 118.]

Minute thereof, dated the 8th. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 103.]

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June 7. Dr. John Parry, Dean of Christ Church, Dublin, to Williamson.
Westminster. Begging the despatch of the concerns of the vicars of Christchurch, which lie in Williamson's hands, and on account of which he has waited some days in London. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 119.]

[June ?] Ralph Montagu to the King. Petition, stating a promise several years ago to him of a lease of one-third of the forest of Gillingham, for 23 years, in reversion from the expiration of the lease to George Kirke, of which he was deprived by the sickness and death of the late Lord Treasurer, the Earl of Southampton, and praying a grant of a lease of one-third of the said forest at the old rent of 32*l.* 10*s.* for 31 years, remitting the fine.

June 8. Reference thereof to the Commissioners of the Treasury.
Windsor.

Sept. 22. Reference by them to the Surveyor-General.

Nov. 2. Report by him that by letters patent of 26 March 1667 William Montagu, the Queen's Attorney-General, was granted one-third of the demesne lands lately enclosed from the waste of the late forest of Gillingham, co. Dorset, containing, by estimation, 800 acres, for 23 years, from Midsummer 1671, reserving the old rent of 32*l.* 10*s.* and 100*l.* *per annum de incremento*, and rating the fine, of which the remission is desired by the petition, at 1,300*l.* [*True copy of all these documents made 18 May 1672. 1½ page. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 163.]

[June ?] Another copy of the petition. [*Ibid.* No. 164.]

[1671.] The King to the King of France. Asking his assistance in favour
[June ?] of Monsieur Coladon, one of his physicians, in a suit he is prosecuting to establish his right as cousin german to the estate of Madame de Causse, widow of M. de Causse, Councillor of the Chambre des Comptes at Montpellier, his residence in England being used to his prejudice by his opponents. [*French. S.P. Dom., Entry Book 48, p. 23.*]

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June 8. [Williamson ?] to John Browne, Clerk of the Parliament. The
Windsor. King having lately given his letter of recommendation in favour of Sir John Collidon, his physician-in-ordinary, to the Most Christian King, and understanding that some strangers, not at all concerned whether he is naturalized or no, endeavour to get a view of such Acts of Parliament as concern him, and to procure copies of them to frustrate the King's good intentions in assisting the said Sir John to recover an estate lately fallen to him in France, you will do a very charitable act to the said Sir John if you can conceal from them what may be found to his prejudice. [*Draft. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 165.]

June 8. News-letter to Mr. Mawson, Postmaster at Hull. [The first part is identical with previous news-letters.] Dutch letters say that the Lünenburg forces have burnt the suburbs of Brunswick and taken about two hundred prisoners, and the city

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as many of them. This business looks ill, and the matter of Cologne being not yet well composed and the French not well secured, gives the Dutch yet a jealousy of mischief this summer. The Emperor, finding the Grand Signior intends to make war on Poland, is much perplexed to find a way of assisting Poland without prejudicing the late peace between him and the Grand Signior. The Dutch fleet is at sea, but with orders to keep at such distance from any part where the French King is concerned, as may not look like a bravado and give any cause of provocation. The cities of Holland now begin to press the prohibition of French wines, or at least the laying a very great tax on them, which, when the French are inclinable to an accommodation, seems somewhat strange, unless they would thereby intimate of how small concern it is to them to keep a correspondency in trade with them. M. de Groot, their ambassador, is already preparing to return to France. Deputies are sent from Hamburg, Lübeck, Bremen, &c., to solicit the Lünenburg princes to an accommodation with Brunswick, but they are likely to take advantage of the unpreparedness of the city, which is not now in the same capacity as in 1617, when they so justified themselves against those princes as to keep themselves till now from further claims. Paris letters tell us of letters from Marseilles confirming Sir Edward Spragg's victory. On the 7th the Duke of Buckingham was installed Chancellor of Cambridge at York House. The University men met at Exeter House, and thence went to attend him to York House. This performance was observed to be remarkable for the great respect shewed by the University in the number that appeared and the extraordinary kindness of the duke, both in the grandeur of his treat and the obligingness of his expressions and deportment. [3½ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 166.]

June 8. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 167.]
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June 8. William Clayton to Williamson. Enclosing a short particular of
London. the manor of Harlington belonging to Lord Berkeley, which he offers to Lord Arlington or Sir John Bennet. [*Ibid.* No. 168.]
Enclosed,

The said particulars, estimating its value at 1,300l. in all.
[*Ibid.* No. 168l.]

June 8. Robert Yard to Williamson. Giving an account of how, when
Whitehall. they were out at dinner that day, the office had been broken into and 20l. stolen from Mr. Bridgeman's desk, and 10l. from Mr. Richards', but no papers were taken or even displaced, showing that the thieves came only for money. [2 pages. *Ibid.* No. 169.]

June 8. E[lizabeth], Countess of Lincoln, to Williamson. Asking him to
get Lord Arlington to speak to Sir George Downing to have the order signed, lest she should lose her warrant. [*Ibid.* No. 170.]

June 8. Letter to the Deputy (*sic*) of Ireland to have Fitzgerald's pension continued. [*Minute. S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 103.]

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Reference to the Judges Delegate of the petition of John Johnson, a subject of his Catholic Majesty, for bail in a certain cause depending, it being recommended by the Spanish Ambassador. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 37, p. 2.*]

Draft thereof, dated the 6th. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 151.*]

June 8.
Portsmouth.

John Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. The *Jersey* and *Nonsuch* have arrived. His Royal Highness has ordered the latter to be paid off and laid up. Money is wanted to pay the yard and ordinary. The *Rupert* will be ready to grave on Wednesday if the rosin expected has arrived. No rosin, pitch, or tar is to be had in these parts, and if it were, I doubt our credit would not procure it. I desire money to discharge the ready money obligations. The *Diamond* is at Spithead; but few seamen yet entered on her. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 103.*]

June 8.
Portsmouth.

John Moore to the same. Enclosing a survey of Lord Hatton's ketch. [*Ibid. No. 104.*]

June 8.
Victualling
Office.

B. Gauden to the same. Desiring the acceptance and payment of the bills drawn by Sir T. Clutterbuck, of which the particulars are given at foot. [*Ibid. No. 105.*]

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Jonas Shish to the same. Desiring that money be sent to the smith, as the want of iron-work causes the works on the ships to be at a stand. Noted that a bill of imprest for 200*l.* was sent. [*Ibid. No. 106.*]

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London.

Isaac Stockman to the same. Desiring a bill of imprest on account of his masts, according to their former promise. [*1½ page. Ibid. No. 107.*]

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The King to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Ordering letters patent to be passed, granting the impropriations and tithes specified in the order in Council of May 26th, in manner therein mentioned, with a proviso saving the interest (if any) of Robert Boyle therein. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 71.*]

[June 8.]

Draft thereof, without Mr. Boyle's proviso, but with a memorandum for its insertion. [*3½ pages. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 120.*]

Minute thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 103.*]

June 8.

William Bridgeman to Lord [Arlington]. Enclosing a draft letter on behalf of Sir Richard Kennedy. Yesterday the University of Cambridge attended the Duke of Buckingham at York House, where he was in the usual manner installed Chancellor of the University. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 121.*] *Enclosed,*

*The King to the Lords Justices. Whereas the Earl of Ossory, late Lord Deputy, and the Council, in consideration of the barrenness of three of the lots of the '49 officers (whose interest Sir R. Kennedy has purchased), reduced the quit rents thereof from 139*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* to 95*l.* per annum, and the orders*

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were accordingly drawn up, but remained with the Clerk of the Council, directing them to examine if the said orders were drawn up within the time limited by the Act of Explanation, and whether Sir R. Kennedy ought not to have the benefit thereof, and in the meantime to suspend levying more than the said sum of 95*l.* per annum. [Draft. 2 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 1211.]

June 9. William Richardson, Mayor, and eight Aldermen to the King.
York. Certificate of their having elected and presented for approbation William Kitchingman as Town Clerk. Sealed with "the common seal of the office of Mayoralty." [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 171.]

June 9. Philip Lanyon to James Hicke. The *Pearl* of Newport reports
Plymouth. that the French King's army remains in Flanders, and that he employs all he can in fortifying those garrisons, and that there is very great sickness in his army. The *Mary* of Plymouth from the Barbados, lies here on her quarantine in regard of the great sickness reported there. The corpse of Sir Thomas Clifford's son is daily expected; there are three boats putting into mourning to bring him ashore, and the town people are preparing to accompany the corpse to the fort. [*Ibid.* No. 172.]

June 9. Robert Yard to Williamson. I have received the bills sent last
Post Office. night and have nothing to send but the enclosed from Sir Ellis Leighton. I cannot make any discovery of yesterday's action (the robbery). [*Ibid.* No. 173.]

June 9. Grant to Baptist May of the office of keeper of the Great Park at
Windsor (except the Paddock Walk) from 1 October next, during pleasure. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 79.]

June 9. Warrant for a pension of 500*l.* sterling *per annum* to Sir James
Hampton Court. Dalrymple of Stair, President of the College of Justice. [*Docquet, S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 1, p. 232.]

June 9. Order in Council on reading the Earl of Orrery's letter setting
Hampton Court. forth the great abuses committed by the French in their fishing on the coast of Ireland, that the Duke of York send a sixth-rate frigate to that coast with instructions to the captain to obey the orders of the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord President of Munster. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 122.]

[June ?] Captain Teige MacMahon to the King. Petition stating that his father, Terlagh, served in the Earl of Thomond's troop raised in 1641, preserving the English Protestants and their garrisons as much as in him lay, and after the laying down of arms in Ireland, he faithfully served as captain in the Earl of Bristol's regiment under the command of the Duke of York, and in 1657, in the attempt on Mardike, was wounded and soon afterwards died thereof; that the petitioner also served under the Duke of Ormonde in Ireland till the laying down of arms, and raised a troop of horse at his own charges, and was deprived of all his estate and imprisoned for his and his father's loyalty by the late usurpers; and that he was declared

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innocent and restored by the late Court of Claims to his ancient estate consisting of the plowlands named, comprising 3,000 acres in the barony of Bunratty, 4,000 in the barony of Clonderalaw and 300 in the barony of Islands, all in co. Clare, and 500 acres in the barony of Kenry and co. Limerick, and praying that the premises be erected into a manor to be called the manor of Clenagh and Castlelogh, to be held by the petitioner in fee simple with a court leet and court baron and fairs and markets and all the usual privileges of a manor, and to try actions of 6*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* sterling [S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 123.]

June 9. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing letters patent to be passed for a grant as prayed in the above petition, with licence for the said MacMahon to empark not exceeding 600 acres as a deer park. [S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8., p. 67.]

June 10. Certificate by Sir Heneage Finch, Attorney-General, on the petition of Mr. Edward Halsall, that there has been a forfeiture of the recognisances of Thomas Godfrey of Buckwell in Kent, and of Sir Roger Heyman and ——— Thornhill, his sureties, and that his Majesty may grant the benefit thereof to the petitioner. *On the back,*

Noted under date of 15 July that the petitioner apply to the Secretaries for a privy seal, and bring a docquet with him.
[S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 174.]

June 10. Richard Watts to Williamson. There is in the Downs a merchant ship bound for Algiers, said to carry bills of exchange for the Deal. redemption of all masters, but others say for that of all English slaves. [Ibid. No. 175.]

June 10. John Pocock to James Hickes. Shipping news. [Ibid. No. 176.]
Weymouth.

June 10. Henry Ball to Williamson. In obedience to your commands to Whitehall. wait on you next week at Windsor, I have put all things in order in the office and have also borrowed a book of some notes taken heretofore there of the plates of the Knights of the Garter, which will much further any design of yours of the like nature. [2 pages. Ibid. No. 177.]

June 10. Francis, Lord Aungier, to Williamson. Since we parted yesterday London. I have learned nothing but that Lord Ranelagh and his partners boast much of their victory they have gotten against me. Pray give the enclosed to the Duke of Ormonde. [Ibid. No. 178.]

June 10. James Douch to Henry Broome, Stationer, at the Gun, at the west Monkton, end of St. Paul's. Mr. Creighton lodged a night with me not long near Taunton. since, when we had you in kind remembrance. My Lord (his father) has sent me word he'll take up his quarters with me when he visits at Taunton next month, as did his predecessor Dr. Piers, for that town hates the Church and Churchmen. It is very strange that no course is taken to bring them to an obedience to the laws. They have conventicles and such as are very numerous. They observed the 11th, 12th, and 13th days of May last with great

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solemnity, shops were generally shut up, a bonfire made in the middle of the town, and a drum beat the Trevalle (? *reveille*) in the morning very early. This they do yearly in commemoration that the siege of the King's army was raised on that day, *anno* 1645, by which they glory in their rebellion (so far are they from repentance for it). This course they do also entail to their posterity, this solemnity and rejoicing being kept by men, women, and children throughout the whole town, many of which were not then born when the siege was raised. [*Extract. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 179.*]

June 10.
Whitehall.

Robert Yard to Williamson. I received, last evening, the several things from Hampton Court. Mr. Bradley is quite ready to go and only waits for his despatches. Mr. Fitzgerald begs your favour in despatching his pension in Ireland in pursuance of an order of Council I sent down. What I have now sent for the *Gazette*, will, with what we have by us, be more than enough for making it up; that concerning the University of Cambridge we had from the Bishop of Carlisle, who was at the ceremony. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ page. *Ibid. No. 180.*]

June 10.
Whitehall.

Sir Richard Browne to Williamson. Desiring the Earl of Ogle's letter, giving an account of the disorder, as without it he cannot draft the letter from the Board to him, and also the Earl of Orrery's letter, or at least copies of them. [*Ibid. No. 181.*]

June 10.
Whitehall.

Robert Yard to Williamson. I have put Sir Richard Temple's business into Mr. Everard's hands. Lady Sanderson's bill at the Signet is not ready. Mr. Bronkard (Brouncker) sent this morning for Sabine's Bill, left only 6*l.*, for when I told him that the fees of the warrant were, as I thought, not paid, he assured me Mr. Bronkard had paid them in guineas to yourself. Please direct me herein. The parties concerned are very eager to know what has been done about the Town Clerk of York's business. Mr. Fitzgerald often calls on me about his Irish pension. I was this afternoon at Lady Katherine's according to your directions. Lady Thomond sends you her thanks and Lady Katherine the enclosed. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ page. *Ibid. No. 182.*]

June 10.
Whitehall.

News-letter to Sir Edward Hungerford at Farley Castle, Chippenham. [The first part is identical with previous news-letters.] The King holds his resolution of continuing at Windsor for two months, though about a month hence he may make a step to Portsmouth. The Lünenburg forces before Brunswick are commanded by Count Waldeck. The Princes add that the city shall defray the charges of their forces, receive a garrison, and deliver up their old privileges and receive new ones. These hard terms will not be accepted till the utmost extremity. M. Pomponne, the French Ambassador, is leaving the Hague to make room for M. Courtin. The Maréchal de Créqui has got together 8,000 men, and all the reformed French officers have orders to be in readiness, as the King has resolved to raise several new forces. The King of Poland will take the field at the head of his army on July 5th.

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The Ambassador to him from Tartary has in his master's name offered him his assistance against any enemy, but on condition of giving him a part of his country. Letters from Copenhagen say that Mr. Bertie had audience and was received with great expressions of kindness by the King, who told him upon the complaint of the affront to his Majesty's yacht in her passage by Cronenburgh Castle that he had a high esteem of the King's friendship and alliance, and should not be wanting in anything to preserve it, and would appoint commissioners to enquire what had really passed between his governor and the yacht. After which he was conducted to his audience with the Queen, by whom also he was very graciously received. The Duke of Cambridge died at Richmond on the 9th. On the 9th, in the afternoon, her Majesty came to Somerset House to perform her devotions there on Whit-Sunday, intending to return the next day. The Lord Lieutenant landed on the 7th, having left the government in the hands of the Lord Chancellor and Sir Arthur Forbes. [3½ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 183.]

June 10. Col. Sir Anthony Gylby to Williamson. Last night, about 12,
Hull. there was a great fire here. It began near the south end. We endeavoured to fetch gunpowder to blow up the houses on both sides, but such extraordinary help came in, and the water being near, that the houses on fire were got down and the fire quenched without the use of the powder. Two houses were totally burnt and most of two more—a woman and child burnt in bed. [*Ibid.* No. 184.]

June 10. Warrant for a commission to Humphrey, Bishop of London, to
Windsor. visit Trinity chapel in the Minories, a Royal peculiar, to correct any abuses that may have arisen in the said chapel or its vicinity. [*Latin.* *S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, f. 25.]

June 10. Warrant to Sir Wm. Morton, Justice of the King's Bench, to insert
Windsor. John Button—convicted at the Southwark assizes of stealing 5l. out of a window, but not of breaking the same, and condemned to be transported—into the next pardon without transportation, this being his first offence, and he being a lusty young man and able to do service. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, f. 52.]

June 10. James Pearse. Account of medicines sold to various ships in
that and the previous year. [9 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 108.]

June 10. J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. The *Jersey* and
Portsmouth. *Nonsuch* came into harbour to day and are ready to be paid off. A Swede tendered me yesterday some pitch and Gottenburg deals. I desire directions what to do in such cases when the merchants, being strangers, cannot give time for advice. [*Ibid.* No. 109.]

June 10. The King to the Lords Justices. Directing them to permit Sir
Windsor. George Hamilton, who, after serving for many years, was dismissed by reason of his religion, and then betook himself to foreign service, to raise a foot regiment in Ireland of 1,500 men besides officers, for the service of the Most Christian King, and to embark and transport the same, and because it is not convenient in this conjuncture of

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affairs that what is done in this matter be commonly known, directing them to take care that the said levies be made and men transported with all the secrecy possible, and to pass it as a thing of connivance only, avoiding as much as may be the public notice and observation of the world. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 24, p. 50.*]

*Sir G. Hamilton's Articles for raising an Irish Regiment
for the French King.*

1. That the said Count Hamilton shall raise as quickly as possible an Irish regiment of 1,500 men, to be commanded by him as colonel, consisting of fifteen companies of a hundred each besides officers, namely, a captain, two lieutenants, an ensign, three serjeants, seven corporals, ten lance-pesadoes, fifty musketeers, and thirty pikemen; all the men to be of proper age and strength, well clothed, and armed only with a good sword and belt.

2. That he will ship them together, or at most, if necessary, in two detachments, to Havre de Grace or some other port of Normandy or Picardy, to arrive at latest by the end of July.

3. That the King will pay to Count Hamilton for every effective soldier landed in France 33 *livres*, this sum to cover all expenses of transport.

4. That a commissary will meet them at the port of disembarkation, review them, and reject those below the standard, and will place those passed in quarters near the port for ten days to recruit, and will then despatch them to the garrison where they are to serve.

5. The said commissary will distribute to them arms, viz., muskets, bandoliers, and pikes, and will furnish them with provisions for their march.

6. From the day of their arrival in garrison the King will pay each private nine *livres* a month, and those of higher rank in proportion.

7. The officers shall be paid at the rate of five *livres* for a captain, 45 *sous* for a lieutenant, and 36 for an ensign, *per diem*.

8. The officers of the *état-major* shall be paid 400 *livres* in all a month.

9. The officers and soldiers shall, on their landing, take an oath before the commissary to do the King good and faithful service against all, except the King of Great Britain.

10. To maintain order and discipline in the regiment, Count Hamilton, or whoever in his absence shall be in command, shall have power of punishment over all those in the regiment according to the practice in other regiments of the same nation already in the King's pay.

11. In case the King of Great Britain should need the said regiment in case of a rupture between him and the King of France, the latter promises to allow the said regiment to march to any port and to embark at the expense of the King of Great Britain, paying them their pay and allowances on their way to such port, and the King of Great Britain is to permit Count Hamilton to keep the same recruited up to 1,500 men. [*French. Ibid. p. 51.*]

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[June 10.] Copy and two drafts of the said letter. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, *Nos.* 124, 125, 126.]

[June 10.] Draft of the last of the above articles. [*Ibid.* No. 127.]

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Lisburn.

Sir George Rawdon to Viscount Conway. Last night Lieutenant Hill and his lady and the Bishop of Down came home. Cornet Thelwall tells me he (Hill) intends to insist on the legality of his commission as Governor, being so advised by the late Lord Lieutenant. I know not whether the Lord Lieutenant, by his commission and instructions, had authority for it, but I advise that your commission be shown in Dublin to Mr. Solicitor. Mr. Attorney in England knows, I suppose, what powers the Lord Lieutenant has of conferring governments, &c. The muster-master is expected here to-day and at Portmore on Monday. I think the weavers will make up the 100*l.* being gone to Dublin. I intend to be in Dublin before term, being in danger of a lawsuit, Sir John Trevor having come over to claim a title to lands sold and mortgaged by Lord Dungannon. I doubt Lady Dungannon has no writings to defend my title, and if so, I must purchase them anew or take a lease. Warrants are issued by the late Lord Lieutenant for three months' pay, but the money is not yet ready. [*Ibid.* No. 128.]

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A. Magenis to Williamson. According to orders I solicited Mr. Bridgeman, who will try to-day to see the list of all those lands of Barker in order to send you 2,000 acres for Lord Iveagh, who is greatly obliged to Lord Arlington for his kindness and recollection of him. I am afraid, however, it will be labour in vain, as only 200 *arpents* of the said lands remain undisposed of, various persons named being said to have got respectively the quantities named, and, if this is true, nothing will be left for poor Lord Iveagh. [*French.* 2 pages. *Ibid.* No. 129.]

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Windsor.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant, and in his absence, to the Lords Justices. Whereas an agreement has been made with Viscount Ranelagh and others concerning the whole Irish revenue for divers years to come, in order to avoid any payments, contrary or in prejudice thereto, requiring them to appoint the Chief Baron and two others of the Privy Council with Sir Alexander Bence, to inspect and certify how much money did or ought to remain in *specie* in the receipt of the Exchequer on 24 December last, and what moneys were then imprested and to whom or for what use, and what moneys have been received and issued out or imprested since, in whose presence the moneys still remaining in the Exchequer are to be reckoned and chested up under two locks, whereof one key is to be kept by the Deputy Vice-Treasurer and the other by Sir Alexander Bence, and further directing that till further order no moneys be issued out of the Treasury on any pretence whatever, except only the 2,000*l.* lately ordered to be paid to Col. Talbot, and that the said Sir Alexander keep an exact account of all sums received after the said inspection, which are to be chested and kept under two locks, one key to be kept by the said Deputy Vice-

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Treasurer, and the other by the said Sir Alexander. [*1½ page. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 80.*]
- June 10. The same to the same. Directing a grant in reversion to Viscount Ranelagh for his life of the two pensions of 300*l.* and 500*l. per annum*, now payable to Ellen, Countess Dowager of Tirconnell, and Sir James Dillon respectively for their respective lives. [*1½ page. Ibid. p. 81.*]
- June 10. The same to the same. Directing a commission to be granted to Henry Boyle, son of the Earl of Orrery, as lieutenant in his father's troop of horse in place of Captain George Dillon, deceased. [*Ibid. p. 87.*]
- June 11. Robert Yard to Williamson. This afternoon came the French mail with the enclosed from Marseilles, confirming Sir E. Spragg's success. I have taken the particulars for to-morrow's *Gazette*. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 185.*]
- June 11. Sir Richard Ford to Williamson. The bearer, Mr. Carpenter, London. brings the Lord Keeper's report on the city's petition concerning the duty of water bailliage, which was referred to him, which would have been more favourably reported for the city, had not the Attorney General reduced it to the present terms. I request you, in the city's name, to mediate with Lord Arlington, that Mr. Carpenter may speedily return with a warrant to the Attorney General to consent to the expedient propounded by the Lord Keeper. [*Ibid. No. 186.*]
- [June ?] John Key and John Alcock to the King. Petition stating that they had been convicted of burglary at the Great Sessions for Chester, held on May 22nd, that the thing stolen was of small value and without violence to anyone's person, and that the Chief Justice had respited their execution for a month, and praying that their sentence might be commuted to transportation. [*Ibid. No. 187.*]
Enclosed,
*Certificate by six justices in their favour. [Ibid. No. 187*l.*]*
- June 11. Warrant to the High Sheriff, the Chief Justice, and the justices of Chester, to continue to respite them in order to a pardon for their transportation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 102.*]
- June 11. Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 188.*]
- June 11. William Wakeman to James Hickes. Shipping news. [*Ibid. Barnstaple. No. 189.*]
- June 11. Warrant to Sir Robert Long, Bart., receiver general of the jointure of the late Queen Mother, to pay to the Sieur de Vantelet and Madame Civet, certain moneys ordered to be paid by Sir Henry Wood, deceased, the late receiver general. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 103.*]
- [June 11.] Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 190.*]
- June 11. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Lichfield and Coventry. Stating that on the death of the late bishop Hackett, he had sent

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them a *congé d'élire* and a letter recommending their Dean, Dr. Wood, for election as bishop, and now requiring them to forbear proceeding to the election of Dr. Wood until his pleasure be further signified. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 14.]

[June 11.] Draft thereof. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 191.]

June 11. Captain John Holmes to the Navy Commissioners. Giving an account of his victualling, proposing to go into the Downs to complete his crew, and desiring short allowance money, an enlargement of stores, and an order to his surgeon to come on board. [1½ page. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 110.]
The *Diamond*
at Spithead.

June 12. Robert Yard to Williamson. Some gentlemen having lately lost some papers of great concernment, desire an advertisement may be entered of them in the next *Gazette*, in which I humbly beg to know your pleasure. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 192.]
Post Office.

June 12. A. Ellis to Williamson. I sent the letter immediately to the Dean of Lichfield on its arrival on Saturday. [*Ibid.* No. 193.]
London.

June 12. Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. Yesterday arrived the *Providence* in five weeks from James River, having loaded at Woten Creek in Baltimore County, twenty leagues higher in the bay than any ever did before. [*Ibid.* No. 194.]
Lyme.

June 12. James Hickes to Williamson. Excusing himself for postage having been charged on a letter to Williamson. [*Ibid.* No. 195.]
London.

June 12. Major William Rolleston to Lord Arlington. Thanking him for the care he has had of him, and especially for the 10*l.* obtained for him, which some of his back friends would have converted to another use. [*Ibid.* No. 196.]
Rochester.

[June 12.] The same to Williamson. Expressing his obligations to him. Noted as received the 13th. [*Ibid.* No. 197.]

June 12. Walter Blandford, Bishop of Worcester, to Williamson. Requesting him to send as soon as possible the warrant for restitution of temporalities, which Lord Arlington informs him was signed on Saturday night. [*Ibid.* No. 198.]
Suffolk Street.

June 12. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. I have only a remarkable accident to acquaint you withal, which happened near Penzance, where there were two men that had notice of a fox that did use near the places where they dwelt, and both resolved to wait an opportunity to destroy him, and accordingly went to the place where the fox did use to frequent, and with their guns ready laden, when they came near the place, creeping on their hands and knees behind the bushes, perceiving one the other's motion concluded it to be the motion of the fox, and both make ready to shoot, but one was prevented by being shot in the head and face with small shot, his neighbour supposing him to be the fox, which he ran to take up, but finding it to be his neighbour which he had almost killed, but is since upon hope of recovery, but very ill. [*Ibid.* No. 199.]
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The Tower.

Sir John Robinson to Williamson. Enclosing an information from the East India House given in by one Baron, and desiring that it be shown Lord Arlington and returned with his opinion. This being Whitsun Monday, all the soldiers in the Tower are in arms, and also there are soldiers about the Tower and in the Hamlets, and the like shall be continued on Tuesday for the preservation of the peace. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 200.] *Enclosed,*

The said information, giving the contents of a discourse he had in Paris with Monsieur Lafeljere, an engineer, who came from England in January, and said he had been in his Majesty's service. He declared he had a commission from Skinner, an Englishman, to propose to the King of France, whether he would incline to be master of the English island of St. Helena, and if so it should be put into his hands, without any charge or trouble, and if he would only be protector of the island, there should be contributed to him a considerable sum. These points he had already proposed to Monsieur Colbert, but it was deferred as Monsieur Colbert wished to know who should undertake the enterprise, to which he answered he had no order to mention anything before there was a contract on the subject. To execute the work, the said Skinner, at his own costs, would go with two ships and take possession of the island, until the English East India ships should come thither, which arrive one after another, and make himself master of them and bring them to France, or otherwise as might be convenient. Lafeljere further said, that the said Skinner would do the same with a good conscience, as the English East India Company had done him great wrong and injury, and he might in this or any other way seek his satisfaction. [Ibid. No. 200I.]

June 12.

Note of the letters and papers delivered to Mr. Bradley, going to Tripoli as Consul. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 73.]

June 12.

The Reserve
at the Buoy of
the Nore.

Captain Thomas Eliot to the Navy Commissioners. Enclosing particulars signed by the steward of each ship there of the provisions on board, which cannot last above seven days, and desiring a supply. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 111.] *Enclosed,*

Particulars of the provisions on board the Kent, Foresight, Swallow, and Reserve. [Ibid. Nos. 111I., II., III., IV.]

June 12.

St. James.

Matthew Wren to the same. Desiring that the *Anne* yacht be fitted with a new mast. [Ibid. No. 112.]

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Deal.

B. St. Michel to the same. I received your letters directing my attendance at the payment of old tickets in ships going to sea, and for discharging the *John* of Dover; but I was not at the payment of the *Tiger's* tickets, the weather being so tempestuous that day, that no boat dared venture. [Ibid. No. 113.]

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The Crown
in the Downs.

Captain William Finch to the same. I arrived last night in the Downs in good condition, except having only one foresail that can be used. [Ibid. No. 114.]

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Yarmouth.

James Johnson to Samuel Pepys. Offering his services, as he hears a great fleet is to be set forth next spring. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 115.]

June 13.

News-letter to Mr. Norman, under sheriff of Devon. [The first part is identical with previous news-letters.] The 8th, the *Assurance* arrived in the Downs from the Straits convoying several merchantmen. They write from Marseilles on June 9th (N.S.), that the nine galleys that went thence 10 days before, and the 14 men-of-war and two fireships that went from Toulon the 25th past are intended for Tunis to join three men-of-war and some fireships there already, to try once again if they can bring them to an honourable peace, making them refund for the injuries they have done. The 12th, the Duke of Cambridge was privately interred at Westminster. The same day the King came to town, and having dined with the Queen at Somerset House, returned with her to Windsor. The Lords Justices were sworn in on the 6th in Dublin. The Monday before at full exchange time, three persons were breaking open the room where the farmers' money lay, but being heard, two were taken and the third escaped. They write from the Hague on the 16th (N.S.) that M. de Groot was to go the next day to the French Court, and that the French wine would be prohibited there. Forces were to be mustered again on the frontiers, for which the Deputies were going to Maestricht. Five of the East India ships are returned, and six more expected in September, which raises their actions to 570. The Prince of Orange is going to the siege of Brunswick with Heer Obdam, Count Dohna, and other persons of quality. The townsmen have unanimously agreed to hold out to the last. [$3\frac{1}{4}$ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 201.]

June 13.
Plumland.

Joseph Nicholson to Williamson. Thanking him for his bounty to his son, once a scholar at Dovenby, now a student in Queen's College. [*Ibid.* No. 202.]

June 13.
London.

A. Ellis to Williamson. Whatever letters you have written touching Pitfeild have had no effect, and I therefore beg if anything can be done by way of petition to the King, you will direct us to do it. [*Ibid.* No. 203.]

June 13.
Whitehall.

R. Duke to Williamson. Entreating him to second his request to Sir John Trevor, who has promised to send for him, if his (Trevor's) kinsman comes up no more. [*Ibid.* No. 204.]

June 13.
Whitehall.

Henry Ball to Williamson. One of the clerks being gone to be clerk to Sir A. Hackett, Master in Chancery, and there being two candidates, your brother's man, and a clerk in the Affidavit Office, I beg your resolution therein. I have given Mr. Bradley Sir Edward Spragg's collection. Sir Edward Bishe, Clarencieux King of Arms, has been three weeks or more dangerously ill, and is so still but with more hopes of his recovery. Last night about 12 o'clock the Duke of Cambridge was most privately interred without the heralds, scutcheons, or any of the solemnity used to the other. Very few were present besides his Royal Highness' own servants. Lord Cornbury went in the chief mourner's place. The corpse was

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brought from Richmond by water, and with only a canopy and powle (pall) conveyed to the Abbey, at the door of which the bishop and quire met them, and so interred it in Henry VII.'s Chapel with the rest. Scutcheons and a coronet were sent down, and the heralds were ready to attend, but no use made of any of them. [2¼ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 205.]

June 13. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 206.]
Plymouth.

June 13. Francis Benson to Williamson. Something has occurred to which
Whitehall. your commands extend and my duty to perform them, the great punctilio of honour and precedency controverted betwixt the Venetian and Archduke's ambassadors. The whole book contains very remarkable passages, as the writing of Suarez against King James, though Sir J. Digby, by several circumstances, conceives it to be rather an answer to the Bishop of Ely's book. But the Jesuit wanted much of common ecclesiastical history and the individual infallibility of his Holiness, who thought him too mere a schoolman to write exactly of this subject, which consisteth most in the practice of the Church and matter of fact. But as it was the zeal of a Jesuitical Portuguese to study to confute his Majesty, so it was the impudence of a Dutchman (Scioppius) to libel him and speak evil of dignities. This was the man that cast so great an odium upon Sir Henry Wotton as was enough to deprive him of his sovereign's service and favour, upon Sir Henry sportfully defining an ambassador, *Legatus vir probus est peregre missus ad mentiendum reipublicæ causa*, which definition Sir Henry thought *esse adeo Catholicam, ut etiam complecti posset Legatos a latere*. [*Ibid.* No. 207.]

June 13. William Bridgeman to Williamson. Desiring him to send to the
Whitehall. office Alderman Backwell's petition, with the reference thereon. [*Ibid.* No. 208.]

June 13. Robert Yard to Williamson. I could not get from the Signet
Whitehall. yesterday either Lady Sanderson's bill, or a copy of a letter for quit rents, as you directed. Lord Arlington goes out of town to-day. He desires to have the warrant for the Bishop of Worcester's temporalities returned at once. I have Mr. Charles Bennett's receipt for the 100 guineas. I see you think that in the last *Gazette* the paragraph concerning the Pope's Bull for giving liberty to gentlemen to trade had not been under your eye, but in the copy there are some corrections with your own hand in that very paragraph. [1½ page. *Ibid.* No. 209.]

June 13. The same to the same. Dr. Crew, the Bishop of Oxford, was with
Whitehall. me this afternoon to know if the warrant for the royal assent was passed, and also desired a *commendam* for him to hold the rectory of Witney. The Bishop of Lichfield desires the quick returning of his royal assent enclosed herein with the Dean and Chapter's certificate of election. M. Zulicome (Huyghens de Zulichem) has called for a pass you promised him at Hampton Court. Sir Richard Browne has been with Lord Arlington and Mr. Treasurer; he much

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wonders what has become of the Newcastle letter. Lord Arlington does not go till to-morrow afternoon. Enclosed are Lady Sanderson's and Mr. Brounker's bills, and a copy of a letter for remitting quit rent. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 210.] *Enclosed,*

June 9. *The President and Chapter of Lichfield to the King. Notifying their election, in accordance with the congé d'élire, of Thomas Wood, D.D., Dean of Lichfield, as Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, in place of John Hackett, deceased. [Latin. On parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II., Case C.]*

June 13. Monsieur de Villiers to Williamson. Compliments and inquiries
London. about his health. [*In French.* $1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 211.]

June 13. Matthew Lock to Williamson. Forwarding the establishments for recruits for Sir Robert Holmes' company, and two orders with them for that business, and also duplicates of the last three establishments. [*Ibid.* No. 212.]

June 13. James Hickes to Williamson. Mr. Pitfield looks high and does
London. nothing, but intends to make the Archers his servants, if not slaves. [*Ibid.* No. 213.]

June 13. J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. Till the rosin demanded
Portsmouth. is come, the *Jersey* and *Nonsuch* cannot be graved to destroy the worm, with which the latter is much touched. I recommend that ships sent to the Straits in future, beginning with the *Rupert*, have their keels and lower strake sheathed with lead. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 116.]

June 14. Henry Ball to Williamson. I received your commands this
Whitehall. morning, and immediately went to the Heralds' Office, to get, if possible, the books you desire, and then intended to have come on horseback or any other way I could, and opportunely met Sir Thomas St. George, Mr. Henry St. George, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Sandford, whom I acquainted with your desire, who immediately showed me Berkshire Visitation, wherein Mr. Ashmole has taken most, if not all, the notes of the church and some other antiquities of Windsor; but it being an office book, they could not permit it to be lent out unless by order and consent in Chapter, otherwise they would have been most glad to have served you in it, and Mr. H. St. George has (but in Essex) a book of all the plates of the Knights of the Garter taken in King James' days, he believes from the first foundation, which he will lend you when you please, and seems, as indeed they do all, very passionately to serve you in anything in their power. Mr. Ashmole has the original of these notes by him, but is at present at Mr. Lilly's at Walton-on-Thames, else I would have borrowed them of him. However, I went to the Temple, Mr. Dugdale being in town, to see if he had not Mr. Ashmole's key, and whether he could supply me with them, but he is not to be found till late this evening; therefore, not having those books you desire, only Yorke's *Heraldry* and Heylin's *History of St. George*, I thought better to stay till to-morrow, when I hope to be with you

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by 10 o'clock, and bring all your desires. This afternoon have been two of the saddest and violentest storms of wind and rain, as the like has scarce ever been seen before. [1½ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 214.]

June 14.
The Tower.

Sir John Robinson to Williamson. On Monday I had the good fortune to speak with his Majesty and the Duke of York at Whitehall, and found Lord Arlington at Lord Crofts' house. Yesterday Lord Arlington, Sir Thomas Clifford, and Lord Crofts came to the Tower. [*Ibid.* No. 215.]

June 14.
Essex House.

C. Cratford to Lord Conway. There be divers second letters wrote, but on your second answer all will be at an end. There cannot be got a penny from Sir Francis Popham. *On the back,*

*Sketch of proposed answer from Lord Conway to the Lords Commissioners for assessing the subsidy. The greatest part of your estate being in Ireland, you do not conceive they intend to have an account of arrears there, and as to arrears in England, the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have thought your estate so small that they have not named you a commissioner in the county where your estate lies and you are resident. For ready money, the duty you owed your late deceased dear mother has caused her funeral to leave you without any so considerable as to mention to their Lordships, and for debts owing you, you assure them you owe more (which you really intend to pay) than is owing you; that, although you understand there are divers of ability and integrity of a different opinion from their Lordships, yet if you had any estate in their sense liable to be assessed by their Lordships you should readily assess yourself for it, and if you had conceived their Lordships had been willing to have undergone the trouble of particulars, you should have given this account at first, and although you know no cause for it, yet if their Lordships think fit to assess you for 1,000*l.* you shall readily submit to it. [Conway Papers. *Ibid.* No. 216.]*

June 14.
Windsor.

Warrant to the Attorney-General to permit an action at law to be tried in order to ascertain the right of the Lord Mayor, &c., of London, to the duty of water bailliage, the Lord Keeper Bridgeman, to whom their petition on the subject was referred, having reported that the legality of the duty should be finally settled by a trial, in which the evidence of the freemen of the City should be admitted. If the verdict pass for the Lord Mayor, &c., a *Nolle prosequi* is to be entered upon a former writ of *Quo warranto*, and a verdict obtained thereon against them. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 103.*]

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Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 217.] *Annexed,*

*Copy of the original reference. [Ibid. No. 217*l.*]*

June 14.
Windsor.

Warrant to Prince Rupert to give order to clear the ground where the woodyard is at Windsor Castle, and remove it to its former

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place, the present ground being required for the erection of works for the greater security of the castle. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 104.*]

June 14. Capt. Thomas Page to Sir Jeremy Smith. Desiring to be
The *Leopard*. allowed his diet and a couple of servants, having on his return from London, where he had been to make this request, lost his port-mantle, to the value of 7*l*. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 117.*]

June 14. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. Certificate of
Vicuallling the value of the freight due for the victuals sent to Port Mahon by
Office. the *Thomas and William*. [*Ibid. No. 118.*]

June 14. W. Bodham to the same. Desiring to know whether the men are
Woolwich to continue at day and half's work in the yard or not, there being
Ropeyard. great demands for cordage. [*Ibid. No. 119.*]

June 14. Sir G. Rawdon to Viscount Conway. Your former lieutenant
Lisburn. showed me on Monday his commission for the government of Charlemont, dated 22 April. It is till further order. He said the late Lord Lieutenant was passionate when informed that the King had given a commission for it in England, and said he had as much power to place a Governor by his commission as to make any officer in the army. He bade him go to his charge, and promised to acquaint his Majesty, after his coming to Court. Mr. Hill desires not to contest it with your lordship, and says he had no thought to make suit for it till Mr. Fitzpatrick procured it of the Lord-Lieutenant. I told him I supposed your patent was further order, and that his government is expired. I only write this to inform you of the tenor and date of his commission, not knowing what he will do, or that the Lord Lieutenant will trouble himself further, for he is not long in one mind or constant to his purposes. Mr. Phillips hears he offered 700*l*. to Captain Hercules Davis for his troop now at Dundalk, and that he is likely to have it. Your troop will not be mustered till Phillips' return from Carrickfergus. I purpose, a week hence, to go to Dublin, and thence, after term, to see my sons at Kilkenny. Concerning the pewterer and the carpenters. Harrison and Adam and W. Magee are examining differences between Adam and your tenants about arrears. Concerning Adam's demands for salary, &c. and his having left half the work undone and having let the money run in arrear to loss. [2 pages. *Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 130.*]

June 15. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. No news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.*
Truro. 290, *No. 218.*]

June 15. John Man to Williamson. In Devonshire they have had such
Swansea. continual rains for three weeks past that they apprehend much injury to the corn, especially the rye. The country people are very apt to attribute this immoderate wet to a project which some gentlemen are upon of draining a pool in that county called Langor's, where a hundred and twenty men are daily at work. It's a mile in breadth and two in length, and fifteen or sixteen fathoms deep in the middle. Several ineffectual attempts have formerly been made to

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the same purpose, and were ('tis said) ever attended with the like continued and immoderate rains. A barque from Brittany reports that there are riding in the river of Brest the *Royal Sun*, carrying 130 guns, and the *Royal Duke* of 100 guns, ready to sail, and twenty-six more men-of-war fitting, which it is supposed will be ready in a very short time. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 219.*]

June 15. Robert Yard to Williamson. I enclose the Bishop of Worcester's
Whitehall. bill for restitution of temporalities, and Sir Richard Temple's commission, to which the Lord Keeper makes two (specified) objections. Mr. Bradley was gone before your letter arrived. The articles with Tunis and Tripoli the printer cannot find; he says they were all burnt in the late fire. [2 pages. *Ibid. No. 220.*]

June 15. The same to the same. Concerning Lord Anclam's (Ancram's) privy seal and fees, and the fees in Sabine's business. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *Ibid. No. 221.*]

June 15. Nathaniel Bradley to Williamson. I arrived on board the
Deal. *Crown* frigate this morning. The presents are also arrived, and the fleet will sail the first fair wind. I have not yet received the copies of the letters to the King of Tunis and the Bashaw of Tripoli, nor the articles of peace. [*Ibid. No. 222.*]

June 15. Matthew Lock to Williamson. Lord Arlington told me that the Commissioners of the Treasury would settle the business of Hurst Castle, and then his Excellency will probably direct there be order for manning it from the Isle of Wight and disbanding those there. [*Ibid. No. 223.*]

June 15. Sir Edw. Spragg to Williamson. Since my last to you, wherein
Port Mahon. I gave you a full account of our success at Bugea, I have yours of 18 Feb., having not heard from you a long time before, nor seen a *Gazette* these many weeks. As to what you move me in about the Consul at Majorca, I can do him but little service, as having nothing to do at that place, the Viceroy being so extreme severe and unkind to us as not to admit of our access thither, nor help us in anything whatever, and indeed we are little better used here by the Governor, who thinks much to let any more than seven ships at a time come into the harbour. I have often written to Sir W. Godolphin about it and other things of importance, but cannot receive the least word from him, which is very strange to me. Endorsed, "Received Oct. 17." [*Ibid. No. 224.*]

June 15. William Bridgeman to Williamson. I have delivered Lord
Whitehall. Arlington's letter to Lord Ossory, and enclose his answer. [*Ibid. No. 225.*]

June 15. News-letter to Mr. Coles at the Custom House, Southampton. [The first part is identical with previous news-letters, and also contains an account of the fire at Hull.] The Lords have had a meeting in the Painted Chamber, to give directions and orders for better collecting the money of the Peerage granted by the late Subsidy Act. On the 12th two East India ships came into the

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Downs, the *Constantinople* from Surat, and the *Berkeley Castle* from Bantam. The differences between the Elector and City of Cologne are settled except two, viz. that some persons should be delivered up to him, and their fortifications demolished, which are of such consequence that they may require much longer to arrange. Some of the Privy Council have sat every day this week as a Committee on some Irish affairs. On the 10th the *Jersey* and *Nonsuch* went into Portsmouth to be paid off. Brussels letters of the 22nd (N.S.) say that the Cardinal de Aragon was like to go to Paris to treat about a marriage of his young master to the French King's daughter. On the 10th (N.S.) Maréchal de Crequi was still at Nancy, whence he is to join his troops, who are in two bodies, one commanded by the Chevalier Fourille, was gone to encamp at Pont de Pierre, near the Moselle, and the other at Blamont, not far from Strasburg. Some advices give cause to believe that the town of Strasburg may be besieged in few days, and that all the forces of the Elector of Cologne, Bishop of Münster, and the French forces in Lorraine, shall join in that design under the pretence of putting the Bishop of Strasburg into that town, of which he pretends himself prince. This morning died Mr. John Ashburnham, Groom of the Bedchamber to his Majesty. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 290, No. 226.]

June 15. Miles Pennington to Williamson. Repeating his request for a
Red Lion, in *mandamus* for Mr. George La[w]son's bachelor's degree in Dublin.
Holborn. [*Ibid.* No. 227.]

June 15. Richard Gibson to the Navy Commissioners. The Admiral has
Mahon. received a letter of stores coming, which will stop buying anything here. He finds a necessity for my residence here as well for what has occurred since my departure, as to receive the provisions and stores from England. I have sent with this all the boatswains', carpenters', and gunners' indents come to my hands till to-day, and copies of the receipts for stores paid for out of the contingent money. I have paid the surgeon of the *Revenge* his freegift and imprest money, and enclose copies of his receipts, and also of all the surveys for cast provisions come to my hands. I procured the Admiral's orders to Captains Waterworth and Courteney to carry the old refuse staves to England, but they informed him there was no room. I send copies of all the receipts for short allowance paid, and for extraordinary necessary money for the sick and wounded. Capt. Harris will recover, and the two lieutenants of the *Mary* and *Dragon* are abroad. Some six have died of their wounds since their arrival here. There are here 100 sick and wounded ashore, to my no small trouble in disbursements, discounting their victuals and lodging all the wounded in my house. Victualling of ships, contingent disbursements, and making provision for what is wanting, take up so much of my time that I fear I may not be as regular in stating the amount of store issues as you may expect. I desire staves and hoops for casks, and two more coopers. I enclose the original of Capt. Shelley's large demand mentioned in my letter of 18 May. The things marked

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with a cross were denied him. I desire the skiff (or the frame of one) particularly demanded for the *Golden Hand*. [*Original and copy. 2½ pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, Nos. 120, 121.*] *Enclosed,*

“*Capt. Shelley’s large demand*” for stores for the Milford.
[*Ibid. No. 121.*]

June 15.
Chatham.

T. Wilson to Thomas Hayter. Recommending the bearer, Bartholomew Lake, kinsman to Mr. Lake, plumber to the Navy here, deceased, for the same place. The *Lion* was launched last night; the *Dreadnought* will be docked next tide. [*Ibid. No. 122.*]

June 16.
London.

Patience Ward, sheriff, to Williamson. Desiring the release of the son of Mr. Atkinson, Farmer of the Excise in Lincolnshire, who had been committed for contempt for not appearing before the Council, he having by mistake attended at Whitehall, whereas it sat at Hampton Court. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 1.*]

June 16.
London.

A. Ellis to Williamson. Mr. Pitfield is let loose, and rageth; pray write effectually to him at your first leisure. [*Ibid. No. 2.*]

June 16.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. No news. [*Ibid. No. 3.*]

June 16.

Alderman Edward Backwell to William Bridgeman. Praying him, as there is a privy seal for 500*l.* to be granted to Mr. Benjamin Taylor, *alias* Sir William Tiringham, to procure a warrant from Lord Arlington for the same. [*Ibid. No. 4.*]

June 16.
Post Office.

Robert Yard to Williamson. I received Mr. Zulicum’s pass (Huygens de Zulichem), which I presume he must have without fees. In the enclosed from Lord O’Brien came two letters for the Countess of Thomond, and one for Lady Catherine. [*1¼ page. Ibid. No. 5.*]

June 16.

Dr. John Fell, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, and the Chapter, to the King. Notifying their election to the vacant bishopric of Dr. Nathaniel Crew, Dean of Chichester and Rector of Lincoln College. [*Latin, on parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II., Case C.*]

June 16.
Windsor.

Order for a warrant to pay to Captain Henry Lillingston, late colonel in the service at Dunkirk, 219*l.*, the remainder of 419*l.* due to him for service, which the Treasury Commissioners have reported, on his petition, to be due to him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 105.*]

June 16.
Windsor.

Warrant for a commission for taking the accounts of the 60,000*l.* and other moneys given to the loyal and indigent officers, in the same form as that calendared *ante*, p. 255, with the addition of Sir Wm. Doyley, Sir Allen Apsley, Sir John Walpole, and Sir John Earnley as Commissioners. [*Ibid.*]

June 16.
Windsor.

Warrant to Sir William Morton, Justice of the King’s Bench, and Sir John Howell, Recorder of London, to permit William Whitehand to transport himself to any of the foreign plantations at his own charge, he giving good security therefor; he was convicted of

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burglary at the Old Bailey sessions, but by warrant of 18 March last was to be inserted in the next general pardon for the poor convicts of Newgate, with a proviso for his transportation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 53.*]

June 16.
Windsor.

Warrant to Sir John Howell, Recorder, and the Sheriffs of London, to forbear the transportation of Honor O'Neale, *alias* Bowen, and to insert her in the next free pardon. [*S.P. Dom. Entry Book 34, f. 104.*]

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 6.*]

June 16.
Windsor.

Warrant for a grant to John, Lord Frescheville, of two legacies bequeathed by the late George Watkinson of Scotton, co. York, contrary to law, to the use and benefit of certain unlawful meetings and assemblies of Quakers and seditious persons, namely 200*l.* to the Quakers of Yorkshire and 20*l.* to those of Scotton. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 21, p. 94, and 34, f. 104.*]

Docquet thereof, dated the 30th. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 88.*]

June 16.

Grant of denization to Baudouin Clasen, of Jamaica, merchant. [*Calendared in S.P. Col., America, &c., 1669-74, p. 230. S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 13.*]

June 16.

Warrant to pay to John Baptista Duteil 400*l.* without account, for his own and his company's expenses to Leghorn and Genoa to take charge of the two galleys built there for his Majesty, and also for providing two chains of gold and medals for the master builders of the said galleys. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 81.*]

June 16.
Chatham.

John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I enclose a copy of Capt. Page's commission. I cannot keep the workmen employed above a fortnight without a supply of compass timber and knees. I shall give account of the sheathing the *Dreadnought*, and fit the *Richmond* hoy as you desire. I pray you to consider some way of sending down the 240*l.* for which a bill of imprest was granted, as the men are much unsatisfied, being four weeks in arrear. The plumber to the Navy here is dead. I shall send an account of the weight of the iron weighed to Mr. Ruffhead. The *Dreadnought* was docked yesterday. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 123.*]

June 16.
The *Tiger*,
in the Downs.

Capt. John Turner to the same. The vessel from Deptford with his stores not having arrived, praying they may be sent after him by the next ship, if he goes without them. [*Ibid. No. 124.*]

June 16.
London.

P. Mowbray to Williamson. Desiring that a letter may be sent to the Lord Lieutenant or other the Chief Governors of Ireland, in favour of Hugh, Earl of Mount Alexander, for the first troop that may fall vacant. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 131.*]

June 16.
Windsor.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant, and in his absence to the Lords Justices. Whereas by letters patent of 14 January 1664-5, an office for licensing pedlars, petty chapmen, or gray merchants in Ireland was established and leased to Sir Geo. Hamilton and Capt. James Roche for 31 years, at the yearly rent of 20 marks, and

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thereby a benefit to them was intended, which they have not received, but on the contrary great loss and charge has accrued to them, very many unlicensed persons travelling in Ireland as pedlars, &c., and several of their agents have been punished by some magistrates for executing their office; directing them to assign such reasonable rates for licences as they shall think fit, and to publish the same by proclamation, that the said officers, their deputies and agents, and also all pedlars, &c., may take notice thereof, and that all magistrates may assist the said officers, their agents and deputies, in suppressing all refractory persons exercising the said trades without being licensed. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 85.*]

June 17.

News-letter to Robert Stanton, Bury, Suffolk. [Part is identical with previous news-letters.] French letters still tell us of the gallantry of Sir E. Spragg's action at Bugia, where, besides the shot that continually thundered from the castles, they had planted several great guns ashore, which, with 3,000 musketeers, continually played on them, which yet but provoked their valour till they had seen their full revenge in the destruction of their ships, though the victory cost them about 400 men. The French Court is now at Aeth, and is expected at Paris the beginning of next month. Dutch letters of the 19th (N.S.) say that all the towns now have agreed to forbid French wine, and though M. de Groot, their Ambassador, is returning to France, he will make but very short stay there, the proposed treaty of commerce between them being likely to come to nothing, both because the Hollanders will not in the least budge from their Treaty of 1662, and because they further desire as security from the French that they would quit their design on Flanders, a point the French will not have the Dutch so much as touch. On the Prince of Orange taking leave for Brunswick, there was some discourse that it might endanger his person, other that it might be looked on as countenancing the besiegers; but, after some debate, it was thought a matter indifferent, and the Prince left to his liberty. The King of Denmark has sent a regiment, and the Duke of Brandenburg two, to assist the Princes of Lünenburg against Brunswick, but the Hanse towns only mediate and send no forces. Their Resident in Holland has given the States an account of the condition of the place, of the Lünenburg forces and the city's sallies, and how the city has offered to buy peace with 400,000 rix dollars and the surrender of two small villages, which was refused. The States will not enter into the quarrel; only, as far as words and persuasion may prevail, they are willing enough to serve them. The Lünenburgers play on the town from three batteries, and endeavoured to spring a mine, but it was filled with water. The town have been brisk in their sallies. [*More than 3 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 7.*]

June 17.

Warrant increasing the Governor's Company in the Isle of Wight by 40 soldiers from that day. Countersigned "Arlington, Ashley, T. Clifford, J. Duncombe." [*Ibid. No. 8.*]

June 17.
Whitehall.

Robert Yard to Williamson. Acknowledging various papers from Windsor. I received the enclosed last night from Mr. Bradley. The articles with Tunis and Tripoli the printer can by no means pro-

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cure. There has been a report about town for some days of an exploit of the Jamaica privateers on some of the Spanish colonies. They also speak on the Exchange of the return of the *Sweepstake*, a King's ship, which has been out these twenty months on a discovery in the South Sea. The Earl of Ossory's servants tell me he does not go for Brunswick. [*1½ page. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 9.*]

June 17. M. [de] Villiers to Williamson. I do not know if I shall see you before going to the country in eight days from Wednesday next. Wherever you may be, I shall not go without taking your orders. [*French. Ibid. No. 10.*]

June 17. Sir Thomas Player to Williamson. Excusing himself from not having met him at Kingston, on the ground of a previous engagement to christen the child of a considerable merchant, his friend. We have been very busy about our military business, and also bringing forth money for his Majesty, but, that we may a little continue the metaphor, the child of London, I fear, will prove a very weak, dwindling thing, begot with an ill will, and brought forth with a world of pain and grumbling. In short, the whole sum for the City will not come to 20,000*l.*, which will be about a four months' tax at the rate of 70,000*l.* per month. [*Ibid. No. 11.*]

June 17. Matthew Lock to Williamson. Thanking him for the establishments and orders received that morning, which he has sent to the proper persons. [*Ibid. No. 12.*]

June 17. Sir Robert Vyner to Williamson. Sending him two dozen of Swakeley. Canary, two of Claret, and two of "Hocomer" (? Hochheimer), with a request that he would accept them and clear them speedily, to have his cellar ready for some fresh ones, and asking him, if Sir John Duncombe comes to Windsor, to invite him to meet Lord Arlington next Wednesday at his house. [*Ibid. No. 13.*]

June 17. J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. We have neither lead nor nails to sheathe the *Rupert's* keel, nor is the vessel with the rosin arrived, without which we cannot grave her or the ships from the Straits. If pitch, tar, deals, and plank be not speedily supplied, we must knock off for want of materials for the workmen. I am grieved at the want of money to pay off the ships, and for other occasions. Capt. White, of the *Hatton* ketch, taken into his Majesty's service for Guernsey, desires orders for victuals and stores. Capt. Holmes prays you to quicken the victualler to send the cheese for the *Diamond*. Mr. Eastwood prays a warrant for his proceedings in the New Forest. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 125.*]

June 17. Capt. Sharland to the same. Sending two muster books and particulars of his disbursements in caulking the *Mary*, for which he prays that Mr. Hayter may have a bill that he may receive the money, and hoping they have spoken to Sir D. Gauden about the 204*l.* he is owing him these two years. [*Ibid. No. 126.*]

June 17. Jonas Shish to the same. Desiring them to hasten Mr. Mayors, the surveyor, to send down twelve pieces of spruce fir timber of the

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size mentioned, to be laid in the bottom of the wet dock gates. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 127.]

June 17. John Shish to the same. Proposing to place the furnaces and fire hearths of the *Pearl* in her hold. [Ibid. No. 128.]

June 17. Particulars of the provisions for the Straits fleet, shipped in the *Thomas and William*. [Ibid. No. 129.]

June 17. Phelim O'Neill to Viscount Conway. I hope your lordship is satisfied how I got the commissions out of Sir Ellis Leighton's hands before he went. I have renewed your lieutenant's and quarter-master's licences for three months. Lieutenant Hill intends to stickle for the government of Charlemont, so it were well your patent and letter were despatched over. Exchange is intolerable here. Eight per cent. is the least, and long sight, or 10 at reasonable sight. I have contrived that 100*l.* be paid by my cousin in the Post Office in London at fourteen days' sight on your order or letter. A stop has been put on the Treasury here till further orders, that no money be issued out but what necessary charges be thought fit by the Council. It is upon Lord Ranelagh's proposals. It came by the last packet, and will delay the issuing of our three months' pay, which we expected speedily. Sir Alexander Bence is empowered to inspect what money is in the Treasury, together with Sir James Cuffe. [Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 132.]

June 17. Robert Thelwall to Viscount Conway. Concerning his purchase of Lieutenant Hill's employment, to whom 100*l.* more has been paid. As to the other 100*l.*, he says he will not claim it from your lordship, nor from Conway Hill, nor from me, as most inconsiderable, but from John Redmond, whom he treats as a slave, being one of his tenants. He talks much that he is Governor of Charlemont. I am ashamed of him, but a man of estate can please many vulgar people, and have flatterers and parasites to commend all his actions. Concerning the muster at Portmore, his lieutenant's and quarter-master's passes, and the allowance of two well-mounted men to each cornet and lieutenant, and of one to each corporal. [2½ pages. Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 133.]

June 18. The case of Nicholas Fownes, in the parish of St. Mary Savoy in the Strand. Showing that by the Act every person is charged 12*d.* in the pound on the yearly rent of his house, and that the rent of his house is 70*l.*, so that he ought to pay only 3*l.* 10*s.*, and that he was so assessed accordingly, but that the collectors have charged him 8*l.* 10*s.*, and asking for redress. Below is a certificate from two Commissioners, that they conceive the collectors should forbear to make any distress for the money till the case is heard and determined by the Commissioners. [Copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 14.]

June 18. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The new yacht built for the King is ready to be launched. The *Diamond*, at Spithead, is ready to sail. The *Rupert* is fitting out for the Straits. [Ibid. No. 15.]

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- June 18. Deal. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. I have delivered the packet for Mr. Bradley to him, and that for Lisbon to Mr. King, master of the *Diligence*, bound thither. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 16.]
- June 18. London. W. Throckmorton to Williamson. Asking, on behalf of the bearer, his kinsman, for his assistance in obtaining his Majesty's letter for the next promotion at Oxford. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ page. *Ibid.* No. 17.]
- June 18. Deal. Richard Watts to Williamson. The Straits fleet is still in the Downs, staying for victuals. There is a report here that the privateers of Jamaica appeared before the great seaport of Hispaniola, alarming that part of the country, which they suddenly left, and about twenty leagues off landed a very considerable party, and then went against the port. Whilst they were in great care how to defend themselves from the ships, about 4,000 men fell in their rear, and in little time took the place. [*Ibid.* No. 18.]
- June 18. Warrant to the Duke of Buckingham for a livery to Mr. Feltham. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 113.]
- June 18. Deal. B. St. Michel to the Navy Commissioners. I have conveyed to Capt. Finch your packet enclosed in that of the 15th, and will convey to him, to-morrow, your letter for Mr. Gibson. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 130.]
- June 18. The Crown, in the Downs. Capt. William Finch to the same. The *Thomas and William* is not yet come into the Downs, nor is our foresail come. The *Mary Rose* and *Success* sailed with their convoy this morning. [*Ibid.* No. 131.]
- June 19. Weymouth. John Pocock to James Hickes. Two ships sailed for Jamaica on the 17th. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 19.]
- June 19. Dr. Thomas Wood, Bishop elect of Lichfield, to Williamson. I waited on Lord Arlington on Wednesday at Goring House, and gave him an account of the return of my election, and that the certificate was sent to Windsor for the royal assent. He assured me it would be sent back again without delay, and that he would give his Majesty satisfaction in order to that which concerned me about my brother Sir Henry Wood's personal estate, which was the occasion of some stop in my business of the bishopric. Finding the royal assent did not come, I waited on the Duchess of Cleveland, who is satisfied with my care and carriage in Sir Harry's business, and has written to Lord Arlington that he would get my election sent back with the assent. I entreat you to bring my secretary to Lord Arlington, that he may present the letter to him, and that you would get him despatched away, that I may go on with his Lordship of Oxford in my consecration, which is ordered by his Grace of Canterbury, and agreed on by ourselves. [*Ibid.* No. 20.]
- June 19. Spring Garden. Sir John Nicolas to Williamson. Enclosing a letter with great acknowledgments from its writer for his services, and doing the same on his own behalf, particularly with regard to the business of the park. [*Ibid.* No. 21.]

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- June 19. John Man to Williamson. Enclosing a copy of a printed list of
Swansea. the French fleet brought by a vessel from Conquell, in Brittany.
[*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 22.*]
- [June ?] Thomas Cheke to the King. Petition praying for a warrant to
the Earl of St. Albans and his Majesty's other trustees for granting
to him the offices of steward and bailiff and keeper of the game of
the manor of Havering-atte-Bower, Essex, with the fees of 6*l.* and
5*l.* [*Ibid. No. 22A.*]
- June 19. Warrant to the Earl of St. Albans and the other trustees for
Windsor. the above prayed grant to Thomas Cheke, of Pirgoe, Essex. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 104.*]
- June 19. Dispensation to Dr. Crew to hold the rectory and vicarage of
Witney, with the bishopric of Oxford. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 14.*]
- June 19. Letter to the University of Cambridge for Mr. Hascard, pre-
bendary of Windsor, to be D.D. Minute. [*Ibid.*]
- June 19. Letter to the University of Oxford for Samuel Jackson, student
of Christ Church, to be Doctor of Physic. Minute. [*Ibid.*]
- June 19. Commission to Sir William Reeves to be Deputy-Governor of
Windsor Castle. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35A, f. 24.*]
- June 19. Phineas Pett, muster-master, to the Navy Commissioners. Asking
Gravesend. to be allowed to have a small smack for which there is little or no
use at Chatham. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 132.*]
- June 19. Daniel Furzer to the same. Timber is greatly wanting to
Woolwich. employ the men. Work is also wanted for the thirteen joiners as
to whom notice was given that they might very well be discharged.
[*Ibid. No. 133.*]
- June 20. A. Ellis to Williamson. Excusing himself for not waiting on him
Letter Office. as he was going out of town, and ending all his discourse as old
Cato used (that Pitfield restore the Archers' stakes). [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 23.*]
- June 20. Sir Charles Lyttelton to Williamson. Again asking him to
Landguard Fort. remind Lord Arlington to have Joseph Midgeley discharged, and
requesting on behalf of Mr. Johnston, who was as a physician with
him in the West Indies, to obtain his Majesty's mandate to take his
degree of doctor. [*Ibid. No. 24.*]
- June 20. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. No news. [*Ibid. No. 25.*]
Portsmouth.
- June 20. R. Ferguson to his wife, Hannah, at Mr. John Berry's in Yewel
(Ewell). I found all here in health and order at my arrival yester-
day. None of the youths are yet returned, save Mr. Potkin's and the
Chamberlanes; only the Portsmouth lad came yesterday. I am in
expectation of Mr. Bethel's nephew to-day, and I suppose I shall
hear also of the rest. I fear it will be Thursday before I can come
down. I beseech thee in the meantime to be cheerful and assure thy-
self that besides the endearments the relation obligeth me to, I hold
myself bound by all the ties of gratitude to love and honour thee.
Let me not stand forgotten to those with you, particularly to
Mrs. Berry, who is a friend nearer than a sister. [*Ibid. No. 26.*]

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- June 20. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Shipping news. [*S.P. Dom.*,
Plymouth. *Car. II.* 291, *No.* 27.]
- June 20. Nathaniel Bradley to Williamson. Acknowledging the receipt of
The Downs. his packet. [*Ibid.* *No.* 28.]
- June 20. Monsieur Petit to Lord Arlington. Beseeching him to speak to
the French Ambassador on behalf of the friend of Monsieur le Roy,
on account of the obligations he is under to the latter. [*French.*
Ibid. *No.* 29.]
- June 20. J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. The hoy with rosin, &c.,
Portsmouth. arrived on Sunday, but we are quite out of several other materials.
I have only green plank, which, for want of time to dry, will soon
cause extra charge. Had not the masts come from Harwich, many
of the workmen had been idle before now. The persons I treated
with will not hearken to payment in course, till they have payment
for what they sold for ready money. I desire directions as to some
400 loads of very large timber offered. Anchors are wanted for
the new yacht, which can be had at the prices mentioned from
Mr. Silvester. I paid some of the seamen their conduct money out
of the money imprested for board wages, and desire to know if the
others must be paid it. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ page. *S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 29,
No. 134.]
- June 20. The King to the Lord Lieutenant and Lords Justices. Directing
Windsor. that, notwithstanding the letter of the 10th instant directing a stop
of payments, due payment should continue to be made to the Duke of
Ormonde of the 5,000*l.* a year quit-rents, granted to him for an un-
expired term of four years, and of the 50,000*l.* payable to him by the
Act of Explanation, and to the Earl of Arlington of 6,250*l.*, the
balance of 10,000*l.* granted him as a free gift. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *S.P.*
Dom., *Signet Office*, *Vol.* 8, *p.* 83.]
- June 21. Dr. Allan Pennington to Williamson. On behalf of the bearer,
Chester. about whom he has formerly written, that he may have a
mandamus to Cambridge for a dispensation for absence of time
for the degree of M.A., he performing the exercise. *Postscript.*—The
bearer will make you sensible of his gratitude. On the back is
a note dated the 27th by Miles Smythe, also on the bearer's behalf.
[*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 291, *No.* 30.]
- June 21. Note by Lord Arlington that the Council must attend the King
Windsor Castle. to-morrow at Whitehall, and the Committee of Foreign Affairs at
nine, at the Treasury Chamber, the Lord Keeper to be warned early
thereof, in case he should not have returned from his country house.
[*Ibid.* *No.* 31.]
- June 21. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Shipping news. [*Ibid.* *No.* 32.]
Falmouth.
- June 21. The same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid.* *No.* 33.]
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- June 21. Warrant to John Blake, keeper at Fair Oak, that he take care
Whitehall. that no person should hunt, kill, or destroy the red deer there.
[*Ibid.* *No.* 34.]

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June 21. Warrant to pay to Edw. Backwell 5,215*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.*, for interest on money advanced. [*Docquets*, Vol. 25, No. 82.]
- June 21. Discharge to Rich. Scriven and the executors of Sir Richard Oately, late collectors of the hearth money in co. Salop, of 610*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.* expended in his Majesty's service. [*Ibid.*]
- June 21. Warrant authorising the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to allow to the farmers of the revenue there 10,000*l.* out of the last half-year's rent of their farm, in respect of their advancing the said sum. [*Two copies. Ibid., and Docquets*, Vol. 25, No. 89.]
- June 21. Warrant for the woodward of the New Forest to pay Charles, Lord St. John, 30*l.* yearly for repairs for the house at Lyndhurst, and 40*l.* for repairs of the stables, out of the proceeds of lop and top wood. [*Ibid.* No. 82.]
- June 21. Warrant to pay to John Tregonnell and Mary his wife, guardians of Mary Davis, her daughter, 400*l.*, in full compensation of all damages to the garden purchased by his Majesty for a Physic Garden. [*Ibid.*]
- June 21. Grant to Sir Rob. Vyner (on surrender of Lord Dillon) of a pension of 1,000*l.* for 12 years from Michaelmas last. [*Ibid.*]
- June 21. Capt. Charles Wylde to the Navy Commissioners. Advising them
The Downs. of the bad character of William Foxe, who has been ready divers times to cause a mutiny in the ship. With note that the person above mentioned was judged by the Board to be incapable of ever being employed as master in the service. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 135.]
- June 22. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. No news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.*
Falmouth. 291, No. 35.]
- June 22. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of
Portsmouth. news. [*Ibid.* No. 36.]
- June 22. News-letter to Mr. Courteney, bookseller. [The first part is identical with former news-letters.] On the 15th Mr. Felton kissed his Majesty's hands and was made Groom of the Bedchamber. The same day the Earl of Ossory took leave on his way to view the leaguer of Brunswick. On the 16th Lord Berkeley, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, attended his Majesty at Windsor, and on the 17th came to his house near St. James'. Marseilles letters of the 16th say that eight days before the French galleys were still at Monaco, and it was thought were only to show themselves in Italy. The fourteen men-of-war and two fireships from Toulon were met on the 3rd off Sardinia, and will soon be at Tunis. They speak further of a great appearance of a war betwixt that crown and the Ottoman monarchy, because their ambassador had not been civilly treated there. All the caulkers are commanded to Toulon to prepare eight sail with all speed, and the President of the Parliament of Aix went to Marseilles to consult how it would be most expedient to draw out all the French estates and factories from the Levant. On the 8th Sir W. Jennens in the *Princess*, with the *Falcon*, arrived at Leghorn

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from Messina. Hamburg letters of the 9th say the Electoral Prince Palatine went thence to Copenhagen to marry a Princess of Denmark of about 20 years of age. At Brunswick the cannons play furiously on both sides, and the besieged made a sally with 1,500 men, but were beaten back with their cavalry and forced to leave 200 dead behind them, with little or no loss to the besiegers. On the 6th was an armistice, which the town desired might be for three days, but the princes granted only 24 hours. Holland letters of the 23rd (N.S.) make the Brunswickers in a better condition, and say that in a sally against a battery near the great gate, the Lünenburgers' Major-General with 300 others was killed; the Earl of Eupen received three shot and the battery was demolished by the citizens. Van Ghent with twenty-four men-of-war was to join with De Ruyter, and were to continue at sea till October. Their two armies are to take the field, the one near Bergen-op-Zoom, the other his about Yssel. (Particulars of Sir E. Spragg's victory, taken from despatch of 13 May.) Madrid letters of the 10th (N.S.) tell us of the sad news of the destruction of the Escorial, which had been on fire from Saturday, 7th, at night, and was then without hope of remedy. Most of the pictures, plate, relics, &c., were removed by the friars. His Majesty has granted Sir John Barckman Lyonbergh, Resident from the Crown of Sweden, a patent to create him baronet and make him a free denizen of England. The last letters agree that Brunswick has submitted to take the oath of allegiance to the Lünenburg Princes and to admit their garrison, and this being made a precedent, Lübeck, Bremen, and all the rest of the Hanse towns and Imperial cities begin to apprehend the consequence, and the rather because the several princes seem agreed to contribute their assistance to each other for recovery of their ancient rights. The consideration of this is committed to the Diet of the Princes of the Circle. The city of Cologne is put in fresh fear of a war, the Bishop's forces being drawn nearer. We daily expect to hear whether the French forces that were in Lorraine are before Strasburg. Letters from Brussels of the 26th (N.S.) say that on advice that the French were, or in a day would be, before Mons, the secretary of Count Monterey acquainted the Dutch Resident with it, desiring he would inform his masters, that their armies might advance thither, but this hardly gained credit there, though it went so far that some forces were ordered thither, because Mons is known to be well furnished with provisions and ammunition, besides that the Dukes de Bouillon, Nevers, Guise, and several other persons of the greatest quality among the French were then at Brussels, with abundance of lesser people; 4,000, they say, came in one day on the 22nd, which, with others of the French lying in neighbouring places, caused the Governor, in prevention of the worst, to send for more forces into the city. These letters also tell of advices that the English had taken Portobello and the Havana. French letters of the 27th (N.S.) say that the Bishop of Cologne's forces were joined with the Bishop of Münster's to besiege Strasburg, and that the French forces would assist. In the whole action at Bugia Sir E. Spragg had but seventeen killed and 40 wounded, and had not one of his

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fireships been fired by accident, he had burnt their ships with the loss of only one man. His Majesty came by eight to-day from Windsor and sat with the Lords of the Treasury and afterwards in the Privy Council. The Spanish Ambassador has acquainted the States that the importation of brandy was prohibited in the Spanish Netherlands. Three French men-of-war lying in the Tagus sent to Capt. Everts a Dutch man-of-war, to demand why he did not strike. He answered he had no order, on which both sides prepared for fight, but were hindered by the Governor of the Castle. [*Nearly 4 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 37.*]

June 22.
London.

Sir Thomas Orby to Williamson. On behalf of the bearer, William Yong, one of the keepers of Chertsey Walk in Windsor Forest, who is sent for by a warrant to appear at Windsor for alleged killing of pheasants, and who desires to be admitted to justify himself, and, if innocent, to be discharged without payment of charges. [*Ibid. No. 38.*]

June 22.

Licence to John Ashby and other merchants of London to import certain parcels of currants and dates, which had been lately seized by some corsair ships of Barbary, and had been shipped at Leghorn on a vessel not English-built, notwithstanding the Navigation Act, they paying the usual customs and duties for the same. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 14.*]

June 22.

Grant of denization to Abraham Espinosa of Jamaica, merchant. [*Calendared in S.P. Col., America, &c., 1669-74, p. 234. Ibid. p. 15.*]

June 22.

Secretary Trevor to Sir Orlando Bridgeman, Lord Keeper. Signifying that the King, at the instance of the Earl of Manchester, had been pleased to allow Sir Thos. Twisden, a Justice of the King's Bench, to ride the home circuit, though a native of Kent, one of the counties therein, and that therefore he is to cause him to put into the commission for the same, with the usual and necessary *non-obstantes* and clauses. [*Ibid.*]

June 22.
Whitehall.

The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. Directing them to admit the Marquess of Douglas to the Privy Council. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 233.*]

June 22.
Whitehall.

The King to the Chancellor and the President and Senators of the College of Justice. Directing them to receive Sir Thomas Wallace, advocate, as an ordinary senator, to fill the place left vacant by the promotion of Sir James Dalrymple, of Stair, to be President of the College. [*Ibid. p. 234.*]

June 22.
Windsor.

The King to the Lords Justices. Directing them to have the grant of quit rents to Colonel Richard Talbot perfected and passed under the Great Seal of Ireland in accordance with the letter of 12 May last, calendared *ante* p. 234. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 84.*]

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- June 22. Warrant to search Mr. Child's house, in Gracechurch Street, for Richard Cromwell, to bring him before Lord Arlington to answer what shall be laid to his charge, as also the said Mr. Child, with all lodgers or residents there that cannot give a good account of themselves, with all papers, letters, and arms found on them, or suspected to be belonging to them. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 109A.*]
- June 22. Similar warrant to repair to the house of Mr. Child at ———, in Essex, as above. Minute. [*Ibid.*]
- June 22. Similar warrant to search Mrs. Simons' house at Billingsgate, and to secure her as above. Minute. [*Ibid.*]
- June 22. Similar warrant to search Mr. Roberts' house in Gracechurch Street, and to secure him as above. Minute. [*Ibid.*]
- June 22. Similar warrant to search ——— Bloxon's house in Winchester Street for R. C[romwell], and to secure Bloxon as above. Minute. [*Ibid.*]
- June 22. Five more similar warrants to search the houses of Mr. Griffiths, a brazier in Barbican, Mr. Griffiths, an Independent parson, Mr. Palmer, an Independent, Mr. Mumford, a brewer at Lambeth, and Mr. Cockams, an Independent. [*Ibid.*]*
- June 23.
Whitehall. Lord Arlington to Col. Rogers. The enclosed warrant of his Majesty refers to further orders, to be received from myself, which are that you are to go with all speed and secrecy with your men to Richard Cromwell's house near Winchester, the same that was formerly Mr. Major's, whose daughter he married, and there search for Richard Cromwell with all possible exactness, as also for any arms, papers, letters, and writings, and the party is to be placed so prudently as to prevent his escaping upon the alarm. Having taken him, or any disguised or suspected person whom you may believe to be him, he is to be brought under safe guard before me at Whitehall or Windsor. This is to be done with all imaginable speed and secrecy, that the noise of it may not reach London till the thing be fully finished. [*Ibid. f. 110.*] *Enclosed,*
- June 22.
Whitehall. *Warrant originally addressed to Major Windham (name erased) to repair with twenty good men of his troop to such place and execute such orders as shall be given him by Lord Arlington, according to commands, which he has already received from the King. Noted in the margin, "For the apprehending of Richard Cromwell." [*Ibid. f. 109.*]*
- [June.] Summons to ——— Forth, Sheriff of London, to appear before his Majesty next Tuesday [June 27 or July 4, probably the former],

* All these minutes of warrants are on a separate paper, wafered into the book.

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and summons to ——— to appear at the same time and place to give an account of what passed from Sheriff Forth to him at the search of Mr. Child's and Mr. Roberts' houses for Richard Cromwell, and to bring with him any witnesses that were present. [*Drafts. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 39.*]

June 23. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. No news. Sending a list of
Plymouth. ships. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 40.*] *Probably enclosed,*

A list of ships dated the 21st. [Ibid. No. 401.]

June 23. Warrant to pay to Benjamin Taylor, *alias* Sir William
Terringham, 500*l.* as a free gift. [*Two copies, the second dated the 26th. Docquets, Vol. 25, Nos. 83, 84.*]

June 23. Peter Bronsdon to the Navy Commissioners. The loading of the
Cork. *St. Jacob* will be finished by the middle of July. Delay has been caused by the inexperience of people here in this sort of work. I have persuaded Sir Richard Kyrle to carry his timber on carriages as in England, for here they hang one end on a pair of wheels and draw the other on the ground. Particulars of the timber going by the *St. Jacob*. Another ship will be ready to load as soon as she is gone. I desire your resolution about the treenails offered by Sir Richard. I received the bill for 50*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 136.*]

June 23. T. Wilson to the same. Desiring to have a room floored to keep
Chatham. the junk in when weighed. The shipwright ordered the house carpenter to proceed with the work, which was countermanded by the Commissioner. [*Ibid. No. 137.*]

June 23. John Cox to the same. I have given order about Captain Page
Chatham. and his two servants. Brooms may be had here, but not tallow. I enclose a demand for the provisions wanted here. I desire to know if the *Royal Sovereign* and *St. Andrew* are to stay where they are, or be brought above the dock, and whether Captain Page and the officers of other ships here may have their wives on board. I suggest that several old outhouses at Mr. Wild's be pulled down and the old material used in repairing other stables and barns. I enclose a petition and other papers from the porter of the yard, desiring that the key of it may be kept by the rounders and watchmen as formerly, and not by the porter, as lately ordered, on the complaint of the master shipwright. Concerning the painting of the *Dreadnought*. [*2½ pages. Ibid. No. 138.*] *Enclosed,*

John Howting, porter of the dockyard, to the same. Petition praying that the key may be left with the watch or rounders, as it formerly was, as appears by the enclosed certificate, it being more than he is able to perform, by reason of the frequent passing of the men, who are employed till 11 or 12, and sometimes all night. [Ibid. No. 1381.]

Certificate by several persons that for thirty or forty years the key was always kept by the watchmen or rounders except

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for a while, when it was kept by the Commissioner and Clerk of the cheque. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 138II.]

Paper giving instances in which fires at night in the dock-yard were put out by the rounders and watchmen. [Ibid. No. 138III.]

June 24. Sir Robert Carr to Williamson. Begging him to get this business concerning Boston despatched, for which he has the consent of the Commissioners of the Treasury and the Farmers of the Excise, believing that Boston have charged themselves three times more for personal estates than the city of Lincoln and all the county besides. The other places, and all the Fen men, have done very well. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 41.]

June 24. Captain Robert Robinson to Williamson. Announcing his arrival The Greenwich, in the Downs. from Lisbon, and sending several packets from there and Tangiers, and also an examination of several about the English taking of Panama, and supposing Mr. Parra has written about their answer to his salute, and though it be as much as to any nation, yet his is different, for on sending two officers to the Castle they two several times assured him gun for gun, so that which he drives at is their breach of promise. [Ibid. No. 42.]

June 24. News-letter to Thomas Stonor at Watleton Park, Henley-on-Thames. [The first part is identical with previous news-letters.] Letters from Madeira of 2 May say that Sir Thomas Lynch had been very obligingly treated by the Governor there, and had sailed that day for Jamaica. Letters from Vienna of the 14th say that the Grand Vizier being arrived at Belgrade with 60,000 men and 60 or 70 pieces of ordnance, it was concluded that his design was on Poland, where the King is very brisk and will be able to give them a battle, and the better to secure the Ukraine has granted the people the same privileges as the Polanders. There lately happened a contest betwixt Prince Lobkowitz and the Marquess Genonville (*sic*), the French Ambassador there, the latter having possessed himself of the Prince's place, which the Prince finding him obstinate in holding, used a rough way and thrust him out, which usage how the French King will relish is expected. The Turks make all assurances to the Emperor of maintaining their late treaty on condition that he gives no assistance to the King of Poland. The taking of Portobello and Panama is generally believed, and that the Governor of Panama, finding himself unable to hold it, quitted it, taking away as much treasure as the notice they had, allowed, yet left so much as was a rich booty to the undertakers. The news is said to come overland to Madrid from Lisbon, whither the Governor of Cartagena sent it by express. The taking of San Domingo is generally discoursed, but by many not believed. The alarm about Mons came by mistake. The French King went to dine at the Abbey of St. Denis, and for his security caused his guard to be placed in a wood a quarter of a league from the abbey, which reached to the gates of Mons. The Duke of Aerschot, the Governor, gave an account of the French approach, and added that the French King held a council at Aeth, whether to besiege Mons or no. This alarms the Spaniard, who

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immediately sent thither 600 foot, who being arrived within four leagues gave another alarm to the French, who gave out there was a design to surprise their King. At Copenhagen on the 9th about ten men-of-war were fitted out to sail, it was said for Gluckstadt, to infest the Hamburgers, it being affirmed that if the Lünenburg princes succeeded at Brunswick, that Crown would join with their forces and attack Hamburg for denying his Majesty the right of ploughing up their market place, as his predecessors had done. [4 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 43.]

June 24. Sir John Robinson to Williamson. This morning I met my brethren aldermen at a Common Hall to choose sheriffs. Aldermen Dawes and Cleyton are elected. The old Chamberlain was continued, the old Bridgemasters, and three old Ale Conners. One being dead, they were to elect a fourth, on which there was a dispute between two, and after declaration made for one, the other called for the poll. The dispute concerning the poll lasted about half an hour, and then yielded without polling. According to custom the auditors for the Chamber's Accounts were also chosen. The Aldermen were invited to the Sheriffs', where we are now going to dinner. The lieutenancy are very much satisfied and obliged to you for his Majesty's letter. [*Ibid.* No. 44.]

June 24. Sir Robert Holmes to Matthew Lock. Acknowledging his of the
Yarmouth. 17th, with an order for beating drums for filling up his company to 100 men, and desiring that the muster-master be there by 4 July at farthest, and also to know what has been done about Hurst Castle. [*Ibid.* No. 45.]

June 24. Anthony Thorold to James Hicke. By two ships from Rotter-
Lyne. dam we are informed that the Dutch East India fleet are arrived, eleven sail richly laden, that the States' fleet were out, sixty odd sail with fireships, but that the greater part of their smaller men-of-war were riding off Dunkirk. The *Golden Fortune* from Hamburg says that Brunswick has hopes of relief from Sweden. [*Ibid.* No. 46.]

June 24. R. Ferguson to his wife at Mr. John Berrie's at Yewel (Ewell).
London. I got safe home by 8 yesterday. Mr. Wilkinson was come a little before me. Mr. Bethel was here with his kinsman in the evening, whom he carried back till Monday morning. I spoke to him concerning the things he was to bring with him, and agreed for his rate. I will expect thee on Monday. [*Ibid.* No. 47.]

June 24. Sir Jeremy Smith to the Navy Commissioners. Informing them that the Straits fleet has been victualled up to 30 November, and reminding them that the season is now approaching that declaration should be made for providing victuals for the fleet for the ensuing year. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 139.]

June 24. Captain John Narborough to the same. Notifying his arrival
The *Sweepstakes* there with all on board in good health. [*Ibid.* No. 140.]
in the Hope.

June 24. J. Tippetts to the same. Acknowledging two bills of imprest,
Portsmouth. inquiring if he may buy petty emptions, such as brooms, for ready-

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money without breach of their rule for payment, reporting on the 400 loads of timber belonging to one Clemance, and on what terms it may be had, stating that he would know Mr. Coles' terms shortly, asking what their funds are and with what assignments they have been already charged, and asking their orders as to victualling the men entered on Sir Robert Holmes' hoy. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 141.*]

June 24. Colonel Thomas Middleton to the same. Reporting that Norway
Navy Office. timber is wanting in the King's yard at Portsmouth. [*Ibid.*
No. 142.]

June 24. William Acworth to the same. As he is unable from indisposition
Woolwich. to attend the Board, giving his version of the differences and law-
suits between him and John Awdry, about a horse of the latter's
which broke into and damaged his pasture. [*Ibid. No. 143.*]

June 24. Sir George Rawdon to Viscount Conway. I purposed this should
Lisburn. bear date at Dublin, but unexpectedly we got strange intelligence
on Monday, sent to me first, and next day by another hand to
Lord Donegal, of a plot for the Irish Papists to rebel again, and that
this night should be the time. It came from a priest by chance
about Strabane. Though it seemed very improbable, yet it put us
upon our guard, and has bred apprehensions in the country, and
to-day the militia of the county are drawn into the field, being a
holiday, and our Killulta troop and this town's company I have
spent a great deal of the day upon, in the warren, and we are all
upon our guard to-night. This stayed me at home, not that I have
any belief of it, but to satisfy the country that I should not quit
them upon any such occasion. I hope I may go on Monday and
leave them safe. The titular Primate, Plunkett, came to Dromore
on Thursday night with company, which increased the suspicion,
and Mr. Freere wrote to me, being apprehensive, and the town of
danger, so I advised that the constable should examine such as were
armed (*in terrorem populi*) and carry them before two justices to
be examined; but the Primate perceiving the matter, came late to
Hillsborough with three or four only to render himself there, being
a fort, and was kindly entertained and went away early next
morning. He made many assurances that there was no ill intention,
nor should be, in his countrymen, and offered to stay prisoner there
to be sacrificed if it were otherwise. This midsummer night is the
time the intelligence speaks of the rising, but I hope we shall serve
God quietly in our church to-morrow. We have a very full church
to hear Mr. Wilkins, who catechises also in the afternoon. Mr. Peers'
haste, and not finding time to speak to me at Oxford, makes me think
he is of some strange humour. His father has built a fine house
near Derreaghy. It will be best for our brother and for you that
he come over and stay with us till he can settle his mind better.
Captain Congrave takes charge of Charlemont fort by commission,
I suppose from the late Lord Lieutenant. Mr. Harrison will inform
you how all things were there in Lord Charlemont's time. Your
sister has taken up a weekly fast since our mother's departure.
[2 pages. *Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 134.*]

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Lisburn.

Major Joseph Stroud to Viscount Conway. Concerning the apprehended rising mentioned in the last. I waited on Mr. Muschamp last Wednesday night, and he desiring to see Lieutenant Hill's lady, when I came there who should I find but the Irish Primate, Plunkett. I acquainted Hill with Mr. Freere's letter and the country's fears, who answered that the Primate came to him and would tell him his heart, and that his father[-in-law], the Lord Chancellor, had writ to him to show him all the kindness he could. At supper I observed he was courted at a very great rate, and his welcome drunk at the table, where there was as noble a supper as if the Primate of England had been there. I believe the Primate was more free to unheart himself to Kelly, Captain Con. Hill's man, than either to Lieutenant Hill or any other. You may see how we are courting the Irish to cut our throats, that have cut so many thousand before, and are as ready now to do it as ever. We are like the people of Laish, and though I look on the neck of this present design as broken, yet it is observable among soldiers that after many false alarms comes a true one at last, and many times when least thought of. All is well at Portmore. [2 pages. *Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 135.*]

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Colonel Francis Rogers to Williamson. I have done all that man could do to execute my lord's commands, but no success. In England he may be, but not there I have confidence, so I have had an eye to this place ever since I quartered near, but could find no more but her coming from him. That marked with a cross I took out of his daughter's bosom, nor could find more of it, only that she received it the night before from a friend in London. The other papers I found in cabbeurds (?cupboards) and such places, not of much use, but thought fit to send all, I say, of any concern. I beseech you send me over to Livre (?) that I may hear and be instructed how to increase in my lord's good opinion. Endorsed, "Search for Cromwell." [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 48.] *Perhaps enclosed,*

Mis[tress] Browne. If you have occasion to use the following directions you must make use of a trusty friend and give him charge not to take any notice from whence he came, and all that you need do is to go to our merchant, Mr. Nicholas Skinner, in Nicholas Lane, London, and desire him to return you such a sum or sums of money as you shall put into his hands and return it for M. de Bastille's use into the hands of Mons. Estienne Margas at Paris, and when you write to Mr. Browne, &c., enclose it to Mons. de Bastille, and write the directions given. Should Mr. Skinner be out of the way you need only enclose Mons. Bastille's letter in a blank paper to Mons. Margas. Noted by Williamson, July 1671, as a letter found in R. Cromwell's house upon the search made in July 1671. [1½ page.] Enclosed,

Address of Mons. Pierre Bastille in France, on the back of which is "This is Rabby, the name he goeth by."

Address of Mons. Estienne Margas, merchant at Paris. [Ibid. No. 481.]

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- June 25. Brune Clench to Williamson. Colonel Rogers being at Romsey, I posted thither and arrived at 10 a.m. yesterday. The colonel has written to you this post. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 49.]
- June 25. Philip Lanyon to James Hicke. Shipping news. [*Ibid.* No. 50.]
Plymouth.
- June 25. Richard Watts to Williamson. About the news of the taking of Deal. Panama brought by the *Greenwich*. [*Ibid.* No. 51.]
- [Between June 25 and July 11.] Petition of Thomas, Lord Windsor, to the King, for release, that the world may see he has offended by mistake, not by intention, and submitting with resignation to his imprisonment, being only on this ground impatient to be freed. [*Ibid.* No. 52.]
- June 25. Frances, Countess Dowager of Portland, to Lord Arlington. Hoping that he will remind his Majesty to complete his charity towards her, the affairs of Ireland being now settling. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 136.] *Perhaps annexed,*
- June. *The same to the King. Acknowledging his former favours, and beseeching him not to forget her now in the establishment of Ireland.* [*Ibid.* No. 136I.]
- June 26. John Pocock to James Hicke. The *Crown* and *Tiger*, conveying several merchantmen, sailed for the Straits yesterday. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 53.]
Weymouth.
- June 26. Hugh Acland to James Hicke. Giving an account of the murder of two women at Mr. Peter Pollard's house at St. Columb last Thursday, and the arrest of the murderer. [*Ibid.* No. 54.]
Truro.
- June 26. Anthony Thorold to James Hicke. Shipping news. [*Ibid.* No. 55.]
Lyme.
- June 26. Warrant to pay to Hugh May 1,945*l.* 6*s.* 5½*d.* for disbursements about plantations and ponds in the Parks of St. James, Hampton Court, and Greenwich, and 715*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.* for labour and materials furnished for the same. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 84.]
- June 26. Warrant to pay to Phil. Packer, Paymaster of the Works, 20,000*l.* for buildings. [*Ibid.*]
- June 26. Warrant to vacate two several tallies, one for 200*l.* on the receiver of Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire, and the other for 160*l.* on the receiver of Bedfordshire, to be paid to Sir Godfrey Lloyd, and in lieu thereof to pay his executors 360*l.* [*Ibid.*]
- June 26. Captain William Finch to the Navy Commissioners. Informing them of his safe arrival with his convoy there, whence he intends to sail to-morrow, and regretting he was forced to come without his foresail. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 144.]
The *Crown*,
Plymouth
Sound.
- June 26. Phineas Pett to the same. Desiring 100*l.* to be imprested to Mr. Staines to enable him to carry on glazier's work on the *Dreadnought*, and several other ships under repair. [*Ibid.* No. 145.]
Chatham Dock.
- June 26. John Cox to the same. The officers of the Ordnance have sent 300 snaphance muskets, 300 matchlock muskets, with 400 bandaliers and 100 pikes, to Chatham, and six pieces of ordnance. The last I ordered to be put into the barn, and ordered Mr. Wilson

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to receive the arms, which he did, but refuses to give a receipt for them to the officers of the Ordnance, who in consequence are now demanding them to remove them somewhere else. I desire to hear from you concerning them. The raking lanterns Sir John Chichley desires are at London; I have sent for them for the *Dreadnought*. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 146.]

June 27.
The Tower.

Jonas Moore to Williamson. I was at Thetford most of last week. I have given Lord Arlington Mr. Wright's account of what ought to be done, and will look after it. Mr. Martin is to pay only by Mr. Wright's order. The Mayor of Thetford was with me all the time, and he and many of the Corporation account you, not only in this but in many other things, their great friend and benefactor. My lord promised that money should be there before I could be, but Mr. Morrice had no order; therefore pray move my lord that 100*l.* be sent Mr. Martin to begin. I suppose 150*l.* will do what is desired; we are not to exceed 200*l.* When you find the money will be paid please write to Mr. Martin. I am going down to Sheerness and Gillingham, else had waited on you. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 56.]

June 27.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to James Hicke. Sending a list of the fleet under the convoy of the *Crown* and *Tiger*, which is to sail to-morrow morning. [*Ibid.* No. 57.]

June 27.
Plymouth.

Nathaniel Bradley to Williamson. Yesterday I arrived with the *Tiger* and nineteen merchantmen, and sail to-morrow with the *Tiger* and 22 merchantmen for the Straits. On the 24th a half-year of my entertainment was due. If you assist Mr. Bradshaw in the recovery thereof you will very much oblige me. I have ordered him to pay the fees out of the first money he receives. [*Ibid.* No. 58.]

June 27.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The new yacht built here will be launched on Thursday sennight. It is believed the King will be here then, or soon after, to have her tried with some other yachts. The *Diamond* is ready to sail, and is at Spithead waiting for sailing orders. The *Jersey* and *Nonsuch* are laid up here; their seamen were paid off yesterday and to-day. [*Ibid.* No. 59.]

June 27.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to James Hicke. Shipping news. [*Ibid.* No. 60.]

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Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. Identical with the last, with the addition of the request that, as it is said that new farmers have taken the customs, and that all the old officers will be displaced at Michaelmas, he would use his interest to procure him the collector's, surveyor's, or land waiter's place at Falmouth. [*Ibid.* No. 61.]

June 27.
Gravesend.

Phineas Pett, muster master, to the Navy Commissioners. Concerning the smack at Deptford, which he requests may be sent for his use. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 147.]

June 27.
The Reserve.

Captain Thomas Eliot to the same. Asking for a warrant as master of his ship for the bearer, Peter Bowyer, in room of

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Mr. Chambers, whom, with his son, who was chief mate, according to orders, he is sending up to serve under Sir John Chichley. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298, No. 148.]

June 27. Captain Thomas Eliot to Samuel Pepys. Requesting his favour
The *Reserve*. on behalf of Peter Bowyer. [*Ibid.* No. 149.]

June 27. Matthew Wren to the Navy Commissioners. All the yachts being ordered to Portsmouth, desiring them to give orders to have whatever requires to be done to them to be speedily despatched. [*Ibid.* No. 150.]

June 27. Captain John Hart to Mr. Ewers (Hewer?). Requesting that
London. some sea books and tickets for the *Rupert* be delivered to his purser. [*Ibid.* No. 151.]

June 27. Phelim O'Neill to Viscount Conway. I enclose these (probably
Dublin. the two letters of the 24th), which will acquaint you with the false alarm of an insurrection by my countrymen in the North. We have no sudden expectation of pay here yet: the difference between Lord Aungier and Lord Ranelagh hinders the payment of three months' pay, for which warrants are signed by Lord Berkeley. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 137.]

June 27. Robert Leigh to Williamson. As for our business, concerning which I sent the draft King's letter, I suppose you will watch the first fair opportunity. It will be well worth your pains, and relates not at all to the Acts of Settlement. I beseech you to let me know whether the draft letter to the Primate about a dispensation has been signed. If it does not come within three weeks it will signify nothing, and we shall lose the fees. I remind you also of the letter concerning Mr. Jones' being put on the establishment. I desire also the heads of Lord Anglesey's report touching the Irish business. [*Ibid.* No. 138.]

June 27. Sir Theophilus Jones to Lord ———. What is desired is that,
Dublin. parting with above 1,000*l.* *per annum*, which is well worth six years' purchase, for a life (which 6,000*l.* will buy 800*l.* *per annum* at a distance from Dublin), I may have out of concealed forfeited lands and houses or otherwise to the value of 800*l.* *per annum* over and above quit rents or other incumbrances whatsoever, which may seem not unreasonable, as a third thereof must be spent in allowances to such as will discover, besides defraying all the unavoidable charges of an affair of this nature, so that a moiety will not be left to my share. Whatever can be granted me for the life of Patrick Sarsfield will prove void in itself, as it cannot be said to be disposed of to the uses intended by the Acts, so some other way must be found for granting lands. To show how industrious I am in submitting to the Duke of Monmouth's pleasure, I offer this expedient. There is still justly due to me, by the rules in the Acts ordering me a full reprisal, 800*l.* *per annum*, besides the arrears due to me in the fourth part of a '49 lot, amounting to above 2,000*l.*, all which I will sacrifice to purchase his Grace's favour, so that to make the grant valid the words must run to this effect:—That 800*l.* *per annum* be granted to Sir T. Jones in full

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satisfaction of all reprisals, for the estate of Lucan, and all arrears of '49 interest. [*Copy. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 139.*] *Annexed,*

1. *Proposal by Sir T. Jones that, in consideration of the part of Mr. Sarsfield's estate now in his possession, to which he is legally entitled during old Mr. Sarsfield's life, worth above 1,000l. per annum, and of 800l. per annum, of which he is deficient in his reprisals, and of 2,000l. due to him for his '49 lot, he may have 800l. per annum clear settled on him in fee simple out of such concealed forfeited lands as he shall make out the King's title to, and that as soon as he has the grant thereof he will immediately deliver up to Mr. Sarsfield the possession of Lucan and all other his lands now in his possession. [Copy. Ibid. No. 139I.]*
2. *Proposals on Mr. Sarsfield's part:—(i) That such satisfaction as may be approved reasonable be given to Sir T. Jones, and that at the same time as he receives the grant he desires, Mr. Sarsfield be put in possession of his estate now in the possession of Sir Theophilus, but, if his proposals be thought unreasonable, it is humbly desired that, since Mr. Sarsfield has a good title at common law to the said estate, if he could have equal justice with the said Sir Theophilus, a letter be given in Mr. Sarsfield's behalf to the Barons of the Exchequer recommending the case of Mr. Sarsfield, that they would impanel such an indifferent jury of Dublin County as in their judgment should be thought reasonable. (ii) That Mr. Sarsfield be granted the quit rents of his whole estate according to the draft letter herewith. (iii) That since Mr. Sarsfield is content to make a jointure of 800l. per annum or more, if the Duke of Monmouth shall think fit, he desires to have a portion proportionable thereto. [Copy. Ibid. No. 139II.]*

June 28.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. This morning a ship arrived from Jamaica confirming the report of the Jamaica privateers taking great plunder at Panama, and reporting that the English have Panama and another town of great strength in their possession. At noon arrived the *Zante* from the East Indies. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 62.*]

June 28.
Oxford.

Dr. Peter Mews to Williamson. Yesterday Dr. Jackson, in obedience to the King's commands, was created in Convocation. There were some small murmurings among the Masters beforehand, but not the least in the House, for hearing of it I easily satisfied them. They feared this would open a door to others to solicit the like favour, but having informed them how much he had merited of the King, that he might have received the same favour at our first return, that Lord Arlington had a very particular favour for him, and how much the University owed to his kindness in keeping off mandates, they were very well satisfied. I am not a little pleased that my fellow soldier is thus gratified. His lordship will, I doubt not, continue his kindness to us. The honour of the University consists in nothing more than in regular and orderly

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proceeding. We cannot now expect our Chancellor and his lordship before the Act. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 63.*]

June 28. Whitehall. Approbation by the King of Lord Widdrington as a deputy-lieutenant of the town and county of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. [*Ibid. No. 64.*]

June 28. Whitehall. Order for a warrant to the Exchequer and receiver of the Duchy of Cornwall to pay to Sir Wm. Reeves, for good and faithful service, 550*l.* due from Hopton Shuter, on renewal of his lease of Laverton Farm, parcel of the Duchy of Cornwall, for which he has petitioned. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 106.*]

June 28. Whitehall. Warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley to remove the gunpowder and stores kept for the use of guns in the platform adjoining Whitehall Gallery from the said platform, as being too near the body of the Gallery, to a safe place to be built for them at the east end of the platform on the outside. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 109.*]

June 28. Grant in reversion to Phil. Barder (on the surrender of Chas. Gringaud) of the office of Undersearcher in the Port of London. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 85.*]

June 28. Warrant to pay to Sir John Shaw and other farmers of the Customs, &c., 10,554*l.* 7*s.* 8½*d.* for interest of money lent on credit of the Customs. [*Ibid.*]

June 28. Warrant to pay to Edw. Backwell 300*l.*, and to Sir Rob. Vyner 2,000*l.*, without account, out of the rents of the Customs, for interest of money advanced by them. [*Ibid.*]

June 28. Warrant to pay to Prince Rupert 300*l.*, in satisfaction of that sum expended by him for his Majesty's service. [*Ibid.*]

June 28. Chatham Dock. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. Sending an estimate of the glazier's work required on board the *Dreadnought*, amounting to about 80*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 152.*]

June 28. Chatham Dock. The same to the same. Complaining that several shipwrights entered by him in obedience to the warrant of 27 October last, had been cut off a good part of the time they had really wrought by the Commissioner's order, and also complaining that the Commissioner opposes his entering other shipwrights, though the power of entering and discharging belongs to him, the whole yard, from the carpenters to the oakum boys, taking notice of the Commissioner's so publicly slighting him. [3 pages. *Ibid. No. 153.*]

June 28. Maidstone. John Mason to the same. Entreating that their promise in their letter of the 15th, of payment of some of his money, be effected, declining to tender on condition of accepting security on the third quarter of the last tax, not understanding being paid in course, for he has not yet been paid for timber sold in 1664 on those terms, and giving particulars of timber he has, which is at their service for ready money. [*Ibid. No. 154.*]

June 28. Guernsey. Peter de Beauvoir to Lord Arlington. Defending himself against the horrid calumnies cast on his son Richard, who is charged with having sent him a speech which goes under the name of Lord Lucas' speech, and stating that he has, with his other son, by a

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solemn oath, declared that neither of them ever received any letter or other writing whatever from his said son, mentioning Lord Lucas, or any speech made by the said lord in Parliament. [*S.P. Channel Islands, Vol. 9, No. 4.*] *Annexed,*

Certificate, dated 21 June, by James Marchant, Daniel de Beauvoir, and J. de Sausmares, Justices of the Royal Court, that Peter de Beauvoir and his son James had made declaration before them on oath to the effect of the above letter. [Ibid. No. 41.]

June 29. News-letter to Mr. Warne at the White Hare, Winchester. [The first part is identical with previous news-letters.] The Emperor is preparing an Act of Oblivion for all those in Hungary, having found that almost all of them were guilty of the conspiracy. The States General, on the Spanish Ambassador's memorial concerning the surprise of Mons, ordered their forces to be put in a warlike posture for their assistance. The *Lamb*, arrived at Middleburgh from Tobago, reports that the English from Jamaica, joined with some French, took Porto Velo (Bello), plundered and burnt Panama, and returned with great booty. Hamburg, startled by the sudden surrender of Brunswick, viewed and mustered their militia, apprehending that the Lünenburg princes would send their forces to assist the King of Denmark to reduce them to homage. A bark, arrived in 33 days at Marseilles from Constantinople, says that the French Ambassador is very much discontented at his ill-treatment by the Bassa, and waits for ships to bring him back; and at Toulon they are working day and night at ships for that voyage, the President of the Parliament of Aix having declared to the merchants the King's intentions of a war, and demanded how much time they required to withdraw themselves and their effects.

Four of the French ships being arrived at Tunis the 29th past, the commander wrote a letter to the Consul, which was opened by the Dey. The contents were that they were returned to block up that port, and that an armado of ships and galleys was expected in fifteen days, not doubting therewith to do something considerable for their master's service. The Dey answered, that it was more than needful to give advice of their arrival, he being long since provided in person to receive them as soon as they came ashore, and that he continued in the same resolution of keeping what was taken, and should not deliver up the slaves without ready money. The 13th the two Algerines who fought the English frigate, as was conceived that of Captain Herbert, went in thither, much shattered, having had many of his men killed and wounded. Letters from Alicante of the 13th say that Sir Edward Spragg was returned from the West, and the wind not permitting him to fetch Malaga, resolved next day to sail towards the Levant. The 28th his Majesty, the Duke of York, &c., came to Whitehall to sit in Council, and returned to Windsor the same day. The main business was a challenge from Lord Windsor to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland in his passage to London. Lord Windsor was sent to the Tower, and Sir William Kile, who delivered the challenge, sent for into custody. On the 23rd the Straits convoy

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stopped in Weymouth Road, but proceeded on their voyage on the 25th. M. Pompone, the French Ambassador to the Hague, has had his audience of *congé*, wherein he delivered copies of several memorials he had formerly presented, and could receive no satisfaction. There has been some dispute between the Ministers of the Dukes of Newburg and those of the States, the Dukes expecting precedency, which, though the States granted to the Electors, they will not allow to any inferior Prince. The City of Cologne, seeing but small hopes of coming to an agreement with the Elector, who still insists peremptorily on his demands, have ordered 2,000 more men to be raised for strengthening their garrison. The French are said to have seized and to be fortifying a thinly inhabited island in the Mediterranean near Tunis, the King intending to give it to the Knights of Lazarus. Great levies are made in all parts for the French King's service. Sieur Stoupes, Captain in the Swiss Regiment, is at Baden in Switzerland, very likely to raise 6,000 Swiss. The Hollanders having prohibited French wines, a proposition is made for increasing the duties on the Dutch, especially on sugars, to facilitate the vent of those that come from their own plantations. The *Zante*, from the East Indies, reports that she left five more East India ships on this side of Ascension. A ship lately arrived from Jamaica reports that the English attacked a fort on the river Chagas (Chagres), which they took after a great resistance, and put all to the sword. Thence they went to Panama, the governor of which, having notice of their coming, sent away all the treasure with the women and children in two Spanish galleons, and placed fireworks and combustibles in several places of the town, which, as soon as the English entered, were set on fire, and then when they were in disorder the Spaniards fell upon them and killed four or five hundred, after which they were forced to retire to secure their treasure. The English remained masters of the town a month after, and plundered so much that each man had 16*l.* for his dividend. [*Nearly 4 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 65.*]

June 29.
Whitehall.

Robert Yard to Williamson. I transmitted the French letters this morning, and now send what came by the Flanders mails. The Bishop of Lichfield has his *commendam* for the prebend of Durham passed already. Mr. Edcumbe called to-day about an Order of Council for releasing Charles (*sic*) Midgley, a soldier in Sir C. Littleton's company, which he prays may be sent up. The enclosed is from Sir Thomas Chicheley, who desires you will be mindful of his business. A letter to you is enclosed, which was opened and resealed before it came here. [*1½ page. Ibid. No. 66.*]

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Robert Reading to Williamson. Requesting him to send Lady Anglesey's order of the Council to Mr. Yard, that it might be mended. [*Ibid. No. 67.*]

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East India
House, London.

John Banks to Williamson. Entreating him to deliver the enclosed paper to Lord Arlington, and to be mindful of them to him as occasion should require. [*Ibid. No. 68.*]

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- June 29. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. There will not be money enough to pay off both the *Jersey* and *Nonsuch*, so the last must wait a little longer for their pay. The *Diamond* is to wait here for the King's coming to try the yachts. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 69.*]
- June 29. Swansea. John Man to Williamson. A vessel of Jersey informs us of the present health and good condition of the island and garrisons. Vessels from Brest daily inform us of the great naval preparations of the French King. [*Ibid. No. 70.*]
- June 29. Sir Philip Frowde to Williamson. I have discoursed the matter with the Lord Lieutenant this morning, and I dare say that he is as I am. I suppose there was something mistaken both by him and yourself. [*Ibid. No. 71.*]
- June 29. Warrant that the 1,095*l.* due from every person that shall be created a baronet after 21 May 1671 shall be paid to the Exchequer, and the money to be received from the next 20 created be paid to the Master of the Great Wardrobe for providing new rich hangings for the Banqueting House, and other hangings. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 86.*]
- June 29. Grant of denization to Hubert Vinckesteyn. [*Ibid. No. 87.*]
- June 29. Warrant to pay to Sir William Sanderson 1,100*l.*, in purchase of his interest in lands in the Paddock Walk in Windsor Great Park. [*Ibid.*]
- June 29. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I suppose payment in course will be chosen rather than on the third quarter of the subsidy. The *Rupert* is careened, but the sheathing not quite finished, as she had to be righted, as her mainmast, when she was down, for want of being well served with iron hoops, sprang. We finished paying the *Jersey* yesterday. I desire directions whether the *Nonsuch* (to ease the growing charge) or the yard be first paid, supposing the end to be the satisfying the workmen, to prevent their clamour when his Majesty comes. But one quarter being now spoken of, when another becomes due they seem to be very much troubled, and I question whether the payment of one quarter will abate or increase their complaints. I shall forbear paying them till Monday, by which time I expect your advice. About the galliot hoy, I shall acquaint Sir Robert Holmes with what you write. Till his Majesty has been, I desire to keep for his use the boat called the Commissioner's barge, which Captain Holmes desires. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 155.*]
- June 29. Chatham Dock. William Rand and John Brooke to the same. Replying to their letter of the 27th, which reproved them for not answering the surveyor's letter of the 12th, which they did not receive till the 17th, and answered the 27th. [*Ibid. No. 156.*] *Enclosed,*
- June 27. Chatham. Copy of their answer. Defending themselves against the charge of altering the moorings in the river. [*Ibid. No. 156*l.**]

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June 29. Capt. William Hannam to the same. The *Richard* and the
Woolwich. *Matthew* from Virginia coming up the river, ran accidentally into
the *St. David* and broke the chain, doing 20*l.* damage. The *Ruby*
is launched and the *St. David* docked. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 298,
No. 157.]

June 29. Daniel Furzer to the same. Informing them of the launch of
Woolwich. the *Ruby* and the docking of the *St. David*. [*Ibid.* *No.* 158.]

[1671.] William Temple to Viscount Conway. We arrived here safe
yesterday and intend to repair to Nesson this afternoon, where
June 29. several ships lie waiting for a wind. I would not engage myself
Chester. to any master, knowing their tricks, but told them we would be in
readiness for the first that sailed. I have not yet seen any Lisburn
merchants here. Mr. Hurlbert wishes me to let his three men, two
of whom are bricklayers, have some money for their charges.
[*Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, *No.* 140.]

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June 30. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Sending a list of ships there
Plymouth. on the 28th. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, *No.* 72.]

June 30. Lady E. Lowther to Williamson. Recommending a cousin for
some employment. [*Ibid.* *No.* 73.]

June 30. Robert Yard to Williamson. Enclosing letters. [*Ibid.* *No.* 74.]
Post Office.

June 30. A. Ellis to Williamson. I shall not suffer the least particle of our
Letter Office. extraordinary settlement to have any relaxation. I shall take care
that one note of the stakes, which are, to be restored, be given to
Mr. Pitfeild, and another to Lord Craven. Let me know the hour
and place, if your resolution holds to meet Mr. Lowe and some
other of us archers next Wednesday. [*Ibid.* *No.* 75.]

[1671 ?] List of ships. [*Ibid.* *No.* 76.]

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June 30. Grant to Sir Phil. Musgrave of the tolls arising out of cos. Cum-
berland and Westmorland for the term of 31 years from Lady Day
last, on his surrender of a former grant. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, *No.* 88.]

June 30. Restitution of the temporalities of the Bishopric of Worcester
to Dr. Walter Blandford, Bishop of that see. [*Ibid.* *No.* 89.]

June 30. Royal assent to the election of Dr. Crew to be Bishop of Oxford
in the room of Dr. Blandford. [*Ibid.*]

June 30. Warrant to pay to Henry Brounker 550*l.* out of such moneys as
are due to the King upon the account of the customs before his
Restoration, or so much thereof as he shall recover. [*Ibid.*]

June 30. Warrant to pay to George, Lord Viscount Grandison, and Edw.
Villiers, the fines for increased rents in the Duchy of Cornwall.
[*Ibid.*]

June 30. Constitution of Sir Rob. Long, Bart., to be Treasurer and Receiver-
General of the revenues lately in jointure to the Queen Mother
deceased, in room of Sir Henry Wood, deceased. [*Ibid.*]

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June 30. Grant to John Ferrars of the reversion of the manor of Walton, co. Derby, and the advowson of the parish church of Walton. [*Docquets*, Vol. 25, No. 89.]

June 30. Grant to Henry Brounker of 1,095*l.* due from John Sabine of Eyne, co. Bedford, on his being created a baronet. [*Ibid.*]

June 30. Confirmation of a grant by the Queen and her trustees to John, Lord Frescheville, of the manor of Eckington, co. Derby, for 31 years; also of another grant of the advowson of the rectory of Eckington for the like time. [*Ibid.*]

June 30. Captain Robert Robinson to the Navy Commissioners. Hoping
The Downs. that the 14 days' victuals may be hastened, as the men want them very much. [*S.P. Dom.*, Car. II. 298, No. 159.]

June 30. Captain John Tinker to the same. Informing them of the great increase of mud in the wet dock. [*Ibid.* No. 160.]

June 30. Commissioner John Cox to the same. I have given orders for
Chatham. flooring the room for the junk. I hope that the *Sovereign* and *St. Andrew* may be where they are safe till his Royal Highness's pleasure be known. I shall acquaint Captain Page and the other officers that their wives and families cannot be permitted to be on board any of the ships here in harbour. I have informed the porter you are resolved that the key of the yard be always lodged at night in his hands. I am daily troubled with the pressed men for want of their board wages, and to-day their wives and children came crying and lamenting they have not bread to eat, nor will the people of the town trust them any longer. To-day, six weeks' is due to them, for which is imprested but 200*l.*, and that not yet received. Pray consider of their sad condition. To-day I have prevailed with them, what with persuasions and the loan of money to some of them, to continue to their work, many of them having resolved to have been at the Board to-morrow to petition you for their pay, which they will assuredly do next week, if there be not money here to pay them. I desire another bill of imprest, as the 200*l.* will pay only four weeks'. Mr. Wilson complains that Mr. Wild, the teamer, takes old spruce plank out of the yard without the knowledge of either himself, the shipwright, or the house carpenter. I again desire your advice about the arms for which Mr. Wilson refuses a receipt. [2 pages. *Ibid.* No. 161.]

June. Francis Torriesi to Lord Arlington. Desiring a letter to the Farmers of the Customs that certain cases of presents sent from the Grand Duke of Tuscany to the Queen, Lady Arlington, and other ladies, which they refuse to deliver as being contraband, belong to the persons before mentioned, and that they be delivered to him, and also a cabinet, a present from the Grand Duke to Lord Arlington. [*S.P. Dom.*, Car. II. 291, No. 77.]

June. Confirmation by the King of the election of William Kitchingman as town clerk of York. [*Draft.* 1½ page. *Ibid.* No. 78.]

[June ?] Warrant for a grant to Charles, Lord Buckhurst, of the soil on which the Great Wardrobe formerly stood, with its appurtenances,

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for the term of 99 years from the date thereof, at the rent of 5 nobles *per annum*. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 102.*]

[June ?]
Whitehall.

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 79.*]

Docquet thereof, dated July. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 97.*]

[June ?]

Pen-and-ink drawings of coats-of-arms, carvings, &c., in St. George's Hall, Windsor, and in several residences of canons and others there, some being of the stained glass in various windows. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 80.*]

[June ?]
Windsor.

Sir Thos. Gery, auditor of the revenue of the late Queen Mother, to the King. Petition praying to be continued in his place, during the two years that the revenue is continued to her trustees, for payment of her debts, &c. With form of an order for his continuance in his place. [*Ibid. No. 81.*]

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or July.]

The King to the Treasury Commissioners and the trustees appointed for management of the revenue of the late Queen Mother. Directing them to continue to Sir Thos. Gery, for the two years during which the revenue of the said Queen remains in trust, the office of Auditor-General of her revenue, granted by her to him, 8 March 1661. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 73.*]

[June.]

Petition of Thomas Blood, senior, to Lord Arlington that his health being impaired by close confinement in the Tower, his wife may be allowed access to him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 82.*]

[June.]

Petition of Thomas Blood, junior, to Lord Arlington, that his health and strength being much impaired by close confinement in the Tower, his mother may be allowed access to him. [*Ibid. No. 83.*]

[June.]

Petition of Mary, wife of Thomas Blood, to Lord Arlington, for access to her husband and eldest son, who have been now near eight weeks so closely imprisoned in the Tower that she could neither hear of their health nor receive any directions from them. [*Ibid. No. 84.*]

[June ?]

Sir Jean Baptiste Duteil to Lord Arlington. Requesting him to have letters despatched from the King to the Kings of France and Spain, the Viceroy of Sicily, Naples, and Sardinia, the Grand Duke of Tuscany, the Republic of Genoa, and the Grand Master of Malta, asking leave for him to levy officers and soldiers and to buy slaves in their territories to arm the two galleys that the King has had built at Leghorn to serve against the common enemy of Christendom, and also a passport, similar to that already delivered to him, it will be two years ago in August, in the character of commander of the galleys of his Britannic Majesty. [*French. Ibid. No. 85.*] *Probably annexed,*

[*Jean Baptiste Duteil*] to Lord Arlington. *Sending list of the officers, sailors, soldiers, and slaves required to work a galley, with the pay and the expenses for food and clothing allowed by the French King, and requesting him to speak to his Royal Highness that he may settle the allowances for himself and his company, remembering that it will be needful to raise*

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and buy at least 900 men for the two galleys, and proposing that Col. Fitzgerald's house at Tangier be converted into a bagnio for the slaves, with details of the provisions, &c., required, and suggesting that his Majesty should give orders that criminals who have deserved execution be condemned instead to serve a fixed time in the galleys. [3 pages. French. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 851.]

Deal.

Lists sent by Morgan Lodge of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the wind, &c.

Vol. 291. No.	Date.	King's.	Outward.	Inward.	Wind.	REMARKS.
86	June 2	3	2	4	W.	
87	" 3	3	5	2	S.E.	
88	" 7	1	3	3	S.W.	
89	" 9	3	6	10	W.	
90	" 10	3	9	6	S.W.	
91	" 12	6	13	7	S.W.	
92	" 13	5	13	4	—	
93	" 14	4	15	2	S.W.	
94	" 15	3	18	1	N.W.	
95	" 16	0	all still here.	one gone through.	S.	
96	" 20	4	19	0	N.E.	Weather misty.
97	" 21	2	0	1	N.E.	The <i>Crown</i> and <i>Tiger</i> and the merchant ships in the last list sailed yesterday evening.
98	" 23	1	0	2	E.	
99	" 24	1	0	1	W.	
100	" 25	2	1	1	N.W.	
101	" 28	2	2	1	N.E.	
102	" 30	2	4	1	N.E.	

June.

Estimate of the provisions required for completing the ships and works at Deptford and Woolwich therein mentioned. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 162.]

Wednesday
June [7,
14, 21, or
28].

Matthew Wren to the Navy Commissioners. As the ships in the Downs are kept there till there is money to pay them, desiring that victuals be sent them for another month. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, No. 163.]

June.
Windsor.

The King to the Lords Justices. Directing them to give order to the Barons of the Exchequer to grant a *custodium* to Arthur, Viscount Iveagh, of the lands therein described, amounting to about 2,399 acres, in county Limerick, now in the King's disposal, being parcels of the lands formerly set out upon the pretended adventures of Thomas Cunningham and Lewis Dick, to hold the same from Michaelmas last during pleasure, at rents equivalent to those reserved on adventurers in the same province. [2 pages. Three drafts slightly differing. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, Nos. 141-143.]

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Robert Yard to Williamson. No news. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 103.]

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10 p.m. The same to the same. I cannot find Sir Thomas Modyford's particular account of the privateers' expedition, which you say you enclosed last night. Dr. Mapletoft's presentation to the rectory of Gedney lies still at the Signet, because, the said rectory being already granted to Dr. Gardiner, the Duke of Monmouth's chaplain, they think there is some mistake. Enclosed are the Holland, Flanders, French, and Italian letters, which have been used, save those from Spain, Venice, and Dantzic. I presumed to take the particulars of the privateers' doings from a very good hand on the Exchange. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 104.]
- July 1.
Letter Office. A. Ellis to Williamson. Defending that office from the charge of a letter of Williamson's having been opened there. The seals of letters are sacred here, nor do we ever pardon any man against whom there is a strong presumption of that practice. [*Ibid.* No. 105.]
- July 1.
Whitehall. Thomas Williamson to Williamson. I waited this morning, according to your commands, on Lady Thomond. She and Lady Catherine present their services to you, as also little Master George with his nurse. I have drawn off the sack which stood at my lady's; there is six dozen and eight bottles of it; it tastes a little sharp. Sir Christopher Musgrave, to whom I gave a hanging ink-horn from you, will be at Windsor next Monday to take leave. Mr. Benson, of Gray's Inn, presents his humble service to you. I found the gelding this morning in very good condition. [*Ibid.* No. 106.]
- July 1.
Westminster. Dr. George Stradling to Williamson. Requesting his favour in procuring the warrants for himself and the Dean of Chichester to be signed with all convenient speed, at any rate before the King goes on his progress, as, if not signed before, they may be delayed till Michaelmas. [*Ibid.* No. 107.]
- July 1. News-letter to Mr. John Davies at Hertford. Jamaica letters of 15 April, advise that the fleet of "privateers," under the command of General Morgan, sailed in December from the Isle of Vaca in High Spaniola (Hispaniola), with 34 sail of small vessels and above 2,000 men, to a stronghold on *Terra Firma* called Chaugra Castle, which they took after two days' dispute and thrice storming, with the loss of 150 men. Thence they took all the boats and cannon they could find on the coast, embarked themselves of 1,800, and went up the great river Chaugra within 12 leagues of Panama, where they landed and marched up to a plain or savana, where they met 700 horse and 2,000 foot, Spaniards, and 1,000 slaves, who fought, but after a short dispute the English put them to flight, possessing what booty they left in the field, and having killed about 500 Spaniards, and taken several prisoners with little loss. This done, they marched to Panama; but the Spaniards, being beaten in the field, set it on fire in several places, and quitted it, having some time before sent all their plate and their chiefest treasure aboard some galleons, which rid off the South Sea, where the English could not come near them; but in the houses not burnt the privateers got plunder. They stayed in the country six weeks, and then returned

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to their ships, where differing about dividing the plunder, 22 sail left General Morgan and went upon another design further down in the Bay, and he returned with eight sail to Jamaica. The General lost his own ship with three others, but saved the silver, gold, and jewels, which, it is said, the officers had store of, though the seamen and soldiers shared but 16*l.* apiece. Some letters say that in the whole the English lost about 400. Those of the Guinea factory on the Cape Coast have had some falling out among themselves, and dispossessed one another of forts by the help [of some] of the blacks, which is like to prove of ill consequence to the trade. The King on the 10th goes from Windsor to the New Forest, and then visits Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight, whence if the wind stands fair and nothing else gives a diversion, he may go in yachts to Plymouth. M. Colbert, the French Ambassador here, returning home, the Marquess of Angeou, who was first designed to Sweden, is to succeed him, and M. Pomponne, who was Ambassador in Holland, to go for Sweden. The terms of the surrender of Brunswick were that they should do homage to those princes, that they should deliver up all their ammunition and artillery, that they should receive a garrison of 5,000 till the fort be fitted, and at present pay down 300,000 crowns. The 18th of June his Majesty's galley, built at Pisa, arrived at Leghorn, having been retarded some time in the river for want of water and fair weather. The 19th the *Princess* and the *Falcon* went to the Levant to meet the Turkey ships. Don Emanuel de Lyra, Envoy Extraordinary from Spain to the States, is arrived at Brussels, whence he goes to Holland with 140,000*l.* in bills of exchange for payment of the last subsidies due to Sweden. [3½ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 108.]

July 1. Sir Thomas Clifford to Williamson. Thanking him for his letters
Ugbrooke. and despatches, and requesting him to continue them during his absence. No news yet of the *Centurion*. [*Ibid.* No. 109.]

July 1. H. Gascoigne to Williamson. Enclosing a petition and draft letter concerning Sir Hans Hamilton and others, about whom he lately spoke to him. [*Ibid.* No. 110.]

July 1. Privy seal for 200*l.* to [Talbot] Edwards, and 100*l.* to [Martin] Beckman, and 100*l.* to [Wythe] Edwards for services in hindering the stealing away the crown jewels. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 105.]

Docquet thereof, dated August. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 104.]

July 1. Warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley, that as certain additions are to be made to strengthen Windsor Castle near the place where the woodyard now is, a strong brick wall faced with stone be made from Winchester tower to the drawbridge, with strong gates over against the drawbridge; also a like wall from Cary's tower to the wall going into the trench of the round tower; that the tops of both towers be taken down and ordnance planted on them, the wall betwixt them taken down, the tower over the gate, now held by Nicholls the gunner taken down, the house in

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which Davis of the wardrobe lives taken down, and the materials used to build a new stone house for a train of artillery. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 105.*]

July 1. Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 111.*]

July 1. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. We paid the
Portsmouth. extraordinary of the yard to-day, which gave but little comfort to the poor men, and less to their creditors. I could hardly persuade some of them to forbearance. On Monday we shall pay the ordinary, when the clerks will return. I have acquainted the officers of the *Non-such* with what you write about their pay, and shall endeavour to keep all quiet. The seamen were discontented that the other ship was paid first, they having longest time due, but were afterwards quieted. I desire warrants for victualling the *Hatton* ketch and Sir Robert Holmes' hoy, and a warrant for Benjamin Holmes to be master of the last. I send numbers mustered on the *Rupert* and two other ships. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 1.*]

July 1. Two certificates by Thomas Marlow (the second dated 8 June), that Henry Bishop, apothecary, of Leadenhall Street, and Thomas Gascoyne, broker, of Cloth Lane, were sufficient security for 80*l.* or 100*l.*, they being proposed as securities for Captain Heath. At foot of the second is a note in shorthand. [*Ibid. Nos. 2, 2A.*]

July 1. Robert Leigh to Williamson. To-day the long-depending suit
Dublin. between Shirley and Ware *alias* Frazer, was determined, the verdict being given against Shirley, finding him guilty of a rape, so that except he has a pardon from thence he is like to die for it. Pray give me some account of the letter to the Primate for a dispensation, and of that for Mr. Jones to be put on the establishment, and also have the enclosed put in the next packet for Madrid for Lord Donagan's father-in-law at Xeres. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 144.*]

July 1. Sir Arthur Forbes to Williamson. I shall be proud of any
Dublin. occasion for showing how much I am your affectionate and obliged servant. [*Ibid. No. 145.*]

July 1. Sir G. Rawdon to Viscount Conway. I received your letter of the 20th after the funeral of that blessed saint. I shall keep the Herald's certificate. It has been, no doubt, very chargeable, but having been so well ordered and so much good company witnesses of it, is a great satisfaction, and much to your honour. I shall present the King's letter when it arrives, and I believe your concerns will have very favourable acceptance from the Lords Justices, on whom I waited to-day and dined with the Lord Chancellor. What your lordship mentioned is common discourse here, but somewhat otherwise related, and the last letters from Court speak of a favourable reception of the Lord Lieutenant, and of his return about September. There has been a tedious trial by a Wicklow jury in the King's Bench, where Shirley was arraigned for the rape of Mrs. Ware, now Mrs. Frazer. It held two days, and the jury from 6 last night held together till 12 to-day before they agreed, and then found him guilty, and he was sent to Newgate. Business matters about the

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pewterer, &c. The carpenter and William Temple came in about 9 this evening, having had a pleasant passage. It was my purpose after the term to go to Kilkenny and Charleville. The Earl of Orrery is not there yet, but his gout is over and he is now able to travel. I think our brother's coming to stay with us is best for you and for him, and that he is more orderly there than elsewhere. [2 pages. *Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 146.*]

July 2.
The Tower.

Sir John Robinson to Williamson. I had no information given by anybody of the persons I took up, but from the four persons I gave you notice of; but being this day with the Lord Keeper, I find that Mr. Berkley, of the Guards, had forced Wilkinson (one of the four, and not of the Guard) to appear before the Lord Keeper and give him his information, which I think justly caused him to caution the Lord Mayor, myself, and Col. Russell to be on severe guard. But now I find there was no great occasion for it. There was an alarm, and 'tis over. Those that occasioned it are now in Newgate, Bridewell, and the Tower. You have the names of those in the Tower. Pray let me have speedy orders about them, else I shall send them to Newgate according to law. They are all desperate persons; I shall take care to destroy their meeting-place. I enclose a copy of the information against the preacher, and on searching Goodgroome I found the enclosed book in his pocket, which I find signifies little. Humes is mentioned. On receipt of the Lord Keeper's letter at about 7 p.m., I sent for the officers of the two companies of the Guards that quarter near the Tower. One was at hand, the other I sent for, who was at the other end of the town. He came through the City after the watches were set, with near 20 soldiers with him, to come to his quarters in East Smithfield, and being questioned and meeting Sheriff Ward, and telling him he was coming to his quarters by my orders, he received no resistance; but I hear a very strange and ill construction was made at Guildhall to-day before they went to church, by the Lord Mayor, the sheriffs, and several aldermen, that I should go about to invade the liberties of the City with soldiers and make a survey of their watch. They were not so kind as to give me notice hereof, but it came to me by some other hands. Willing I find them to throw aspersions on anybody that serves the King, and make them odious to the City upon no score. As the Lord Mayor and sheriffs are to be with the King to-morrow, I do not know but something of this may be mentioned to the King of me. The soldiers' prudence I cannot commend, nor my Lord Mayor's, nor the sheriffs'. So far all things are quiet and well. I pray you to serve Mr. Swordbearer in the request he is going to make. [1½ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 112.*]
Enclosed,

July 1.

1. *Information of Capt. Thomas Gardner and Richard Pitt of St. Clement Danes taken before Sir John Robinson and William Wood. On Saturday, 24 June, they heard a person preach at an unlawful assembly in Bell Lane, near Spitalfields, who went by the name of John Bellchar, a bricklayer and a Sabbatarian, or Fifth Monarchy man. His text was Solomon's Song, ch. 1. v. 12, and amongst several texts he quoted, he*

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named one in Isaiah (as they remember), which was to this effect, "Arise, O Jerusalem, and shake off thy dust, and then sit down in peace," which he interpreted thus: "Arise, O Jerusalem, and obey neither prince nor prelate, but shake off thy dust till thou sit down in peace." [Copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 112I.] Probably enclosed,

2. *Names of 26 persons committed to Newgate, and four—John Bellchar, a most notorious knave from Oxfordshire, Arthur Squibb, Richard Goodgroome, formerly committed by the Lord General for a dangerous person, and John Jones, a dangerous person—in the Tower. Four apprentices were sent to Bridewell, that would not acknowledge their abodes or their masters' names. [Ibid. No. 112II.]*

July 2. Philip Lanyon to James Hicke. Enclosing a list of ships
Plymouth. arrived since his last. [*Ibid.* No. 113.]

July 2. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Lord Hatton's ketch, having
Portsmouth. landed him at Jersey, arrived yesterday. [*Ibid.* No. 114.]

July 2. Certificate by Roger Rogers that the last dinner provided by
Colonel Rolleston for himself and the officers quartered at Rochester, amounted to upwards of 7*l.*, and unless he were compelled he would not provide such another at the same rate. Added by Rolleston: I have heard from Captain Skelton that there shall be a deduction of 30*s.* a day when I do not entertain the officers, and this is one day's expenses. Therefore I humbly refuse your 10*l.* a week, and can serve the King as I have done. [*Ibid.* No. 115.]

July 2. Petition of Thomas Skynner to the King, for grant of his previous
petition, the East India Company delaying to reply to his request for satisfaction for wrongs, and restoration of his island Barella. [*Ibid.* No. 116.] *Annexed,*

Petition of Thos. Skynner to the King, for safe conduct to the East Indies, and a patent for the enjoyment of his island Barella, with free intercourse of trade thereto, relief being long promised him from the oppressions of the East India Company. [Copy. Ibid. No. 116I.]

[Before July 2.] Captain James Bradshaw to the King. Petition for the reversion after Cox of the place of muster-master. [*Calendared in Calendar of S.P. Domestic 1667-8, p. 108. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 225, No. 225.*]

July 2. The King to the Lord Mayor and the Commissioners of Lieutenancy for London. Recommending Captain James Bradshaw for the place of muster-master of London, likely soon to become void by the death of Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Cox. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 74.*]

[After July 2.] Statement that Cox is now dead, but they refuse to admit Bradshaw without a partner, &c. [*Calendared in Calendar of S.P. Domestic, 1667-8, p. 108. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 225, No. 225I.*]

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Warrant to the Attorney-General to draw a commission to Prince Rupert, the Duke of Buckingham, the Earls of Anglesey and Lauderdale, Lords Holles and Ashley, Sir John Trevor, and Sir Thomas Chicheley—after reciting the Order in Council of 4 February last, appointing a committee to examine and report on the settlement of Ireland, and their report of 22 June, whereby it appeared that, in consequence of many necessary papers, &c., being wanted, or not before them, they were unable to give as exact and full report as was expected—appointing the said eight persons as Commissioners to make inquiry concerning the premises, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to summon any persons that can give them information or assistance, and to send for any copies of records, writings, evidences, papers, warrants, orders, reports, decrees, directions, minutes, Acts of Council, proceedings, entries, surveys, inquisitions, &c., that they may deem necessary or expedient, and ordering that until that report be made, no new grant of hereditaments in Ireland be made on any pretence whatever. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 20.*]

July 2.

Hatton ketch,
Portsmouth.

Captain Isaac White to the Navy Commissioners. Desiring that his ship may be allowed twenty men, and requesting an order for victuals and stores. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 3.*]

July 2.

Windsor.

Matthew Wren to the same. By his Royal Highness' commands desiring a month's provisions to be put immediately on board the *Greenwich* and *Assurance*, which are to attend his Majesty at Portsmouth. [*Ibid. No. 4.*]

July 2.

Captain John Shales to Sir Jeremy Smith and Samuel Pepys. After great pains and trouble for 3,000*l.*, part of the money long due to the Poor's Chest at Chatham from the Earl of Anglesey, he promised it should be ready by the 4th instant, the day appointed above five weeks ago for the general pay of the poor. I have now received but 500*l.* of the 3,000*l.* which was to have been paid me—1,000*l.* from Sir Robert Vyner, 1,500*l.* from the Exchequer, of which about 500*l.* has been received, 750*l.* from Mr. Fillingham, and 500*l.* from Browne, a scrivener—so the general pay of the pensioners, which should be next Tuesday, must be deferred, to their great prejudice, as they have taken weary journeys from all parts of England in expectation of payment. I am in duty obliged to present you with the true state hereof, and to observe that there is really a balance upon many orders to be paid to the Earl of Anglesey out of the Exchequer, which will be payable as soon as money comes in, after Sir Robert Long has adjusted an account of the whole, on which he is engaged. I could wish his Majesty were moved for a warrant to Sir Robert Long to be expeditious therein, and to cause the money remaining due on any such orders to be paid to the Governors of the Chest, which would very much secure the Chest of money now out of reach. Mr. Fenn promised me to-day that the present money, viz., the 1,000*l.* in Sir Robert Vyner's hands, the 500*l.* in Browne's, and the 750*l.* in Fillingham's, should be ready in two or three days, and I told him I will move the Governors of the Chest to assign me the payment of attorneys and

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others living near London, and I will undertake the same in confidence of these sums. But I will give no real dependence thereon (or very little), though I seem to him to do so, to keep up his endeavours to get in those sums, which would otherwise flag, should the pay be over and that money unpaid, as I well hope it will (making a hard shift), for I have got and borrowed other moneys near enough for the work, but of that Mr. Fenn shall never know. I humbly beg your Honours' letter to the Governors by to-morrow morning, to direct them what they shall farther do herein. [2½ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 5.]

[July ?]

The Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity (Christchurch), Dublin, to the King. Petition, stating that the cathedral, as the prime church and Chapel Royal in Ireland, had enjoyed many privileges and immunities granted and confirmed by many of the King's progenitors and by Acts of Parliament, particularly by King James, as appears by letters patent of the second year of his reign, and praying for letters patent confirming the said former grants with such clauses and provisoes as are contained in the letter on behalf of St. Patrick's in the ninth year of King Charles I. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 147.] *Annexed,*

The said letter, dated 10 May 1633. Directing a grant and confirmation to the Dean and Chapter of Christchurch, of all their lands and hereditaments, and of all their privileges and franchises contained or mentioned to be granted and confirmed in any ancient book or church records, and in several letters patent passed by previous Kings or Queens, and in several Acts of Parliament, and further directing a bill to be prepared in the next Parliament in Ireland for confirmation of the same, and ordering a commission to be issued to ascertain what lands and hereditaments belong or ought to belong to the said Dean and Chapter. [Copy. 2 pages. Ibid. No. 147I.]

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The Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Patrick's, Dublin, to the King. Petition, stating that St. Patrick's is one of the chief and most ancient churches in Ireland, and has enjoyed many privileges and immunities granted and confirmed by many of the King's progenitors and by Acts of Parliament, particularly by letters of the ninth year of King Charles I., which by reason of the late wars and the distracted condition of the kingdom were never made use of, and praying the King to renew the said letter that the petitioners may pass a new patent under the Great Seal of Ireland. [*Ibid.* No. 148.] *Annexed,*

The said letter, dated 10 May 1633. Directing that letters patent be passed containing a grant and confirmation to the Dean and Chapter of St. Patrick's, Dublin, of all their possessions whatsoever, and of those liberties, franchises, and immunities mentioned in an ancient book called "Dignitas Decani," and in several former letters patent, and in an Act of 4 Edward IV.; and that a bill be prepared to be passed in the next Parliament for the

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confirmation of all the granted liberties, powers, and benefits, and that one or more commissions be issued for finding by inquisition what hereditaments do or ought to belong to the said Dean and Chapter, and to every member thereof.
[Copy. 2 pages. S.P. Ireland., Car. II. 330, No. 148L.]

July 2. The King to the Lord Lieutenant and Lords Justices. Two letters in favour of the Dean and Chapter of St. Patrick's and the Dean and Chapter of Christchurch, following the terms of the two letters of 10 May 1633, calendared above. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ page each. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 88, 89.]

July 3. Thomas Newcombe to Williamson. According to your commands Mr. Poole's advertisement is inserted, not without a note from Mr. Cooke. The correction shall be minded with all the care in my power. I enclose a ballad ready printed with allowance, but who the half-crown author is I know not; it wants that of the Duke's conduct, &c. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 117.] *Enclosed,*

July 1. John Cooke to Newcombe. Giving him notice that the omission in the Gazette of that advertisement would be wholly laid at his door. [*Ibid.* No. 117L.]

July 3. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 118.]
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July 3. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Sending a list of ships. [*Ibid.* No. 119.]
Plymouth.

July 3. Thomas Wood, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, to Williamson. Entreating him to prepare the writing requisite at the doing of homage, and in case the King comes to London, to arrange its being done there, and also to have the restitution of temporalities prepared. [*Ibid.* No. 120.]

July 3. Order for a warrant to pay to Col. Maurice Kingwell, late lieutenant-colonel of Sir Rob. Harley's regiment at Dunkirk, on his petition, 1,152*l.* 1*s.* 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.* due to him and his company for arrears, when the regiment was ordered to Tangier, as certified by Barth. Fillingham and Rich. Kingdon, auditors of the Army accounts. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 107.]
Windsor.

July 3. Warrant to the Attorney-General, in the bill of covenants between the King of the one part and Viscount Ranelagh and others of the other part, concerning the management of the Irish revenues, which he is now drawing, to add to the clause of debts and sums of money, which the said Viscount and his partners have undertaken to pay, 2,500*l.* to be paid to Michael, Archbishop of Dublin and Lord Chancellor of Ireland, for his services as Speaker of the House of Lords, and 3,500*l.* to be paid to Frances and Elizabeth Jones, grandchildren of Roger, late Viscount Ranelagh, due to them for his pension and entertainment as President of Connaught, and to insert a covenant on the part of the said Viscount and his partners not to demand or pretend unto any defalcations for the sum of 400*l.* or any part thereof paid to John St. Leger, out of the sums found due on the balance of the account of George Carleton, late clerk of the Hanaper, the warrant for payment thereof to the said St. Leger

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having been granted with the knowledge and consent of the said Viscount and his partners. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 16.*]

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Windsor.

The King to [the Governors of the Charterhouse]. Requesting them to admit John, son of Grace Varnwell, a poor widow, to a scholar's place. [*Ibid. p. 17.*]

July 3.
Windsor.

Warrant for a grant to Stephen Smith, in reversion after Rob. Dawe, of the office of drawing, writing, and engrossing for the Great Seal all licences for making collections for charitable purposes. [*Ibid. p. 19.*]

July 3.
Chatham.

Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. The money ordered by the Treasurer to be paid will be very welcome to the men, though it pays but four weeks of their board wages. Next Friday seven weeks will be due, so I desire the other 200*l.* I sent for Wild to direct his waiting on you on Tuesday, but he was gone to London. I enclose several informations concerning the planks taken by him, mentioned in my last. I will give order for the deliverance of the arms as you directed. I desire that a person be sent over to give directions about some pieces of Mr. Clarke's timber which he prays may be cut, as they are too long for a hoy. I received your letter of 17 June by Bartholomew Lake, a plumber. As he is a stranger to me, and did not serve his time here, I can say nothing of his fitness. We are in great want of a master plumber for the *Dreadnought's* furnaces, and for other work. In the way of the bills of the anchors of the *Dreadnought*, it is proposed she may be sheathed with copper, as less easily broken than lead, for which 300 cwt. is required. [*1½ page. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 6.*] *Enclosed,*

Certificates by Simon Pierce, John Houting, Thomas Tunbridge, and John Attewell, concerning the plank taken by Wild. [Ibid. Nos. 6I., 6II., 6III., 6IV., 6V.]

July 3.
Vicuallling
Office.

Sir D. Gauden to the same. The accounts for victualling the Navy to 31 December 1670, and 30 June 1671, are drawn up, but cannot be finished for want of pursers' indents for the victuals sent and provided for the Straits fleet. It is therefore prayed that these may be procured, or an order be obtained that the auditors of the imprest pass the accounts without them. [*Ibid. No. 7.*]

July 3.
Windsor.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant and the Lords Justices. After reciting the letters of 12 February last, which directed the payment to John St. Leger of 400*l.* out of the balance due from the estate of George Carleton, directing them to cause good and effectual assignation to be made to the said John St. Leger, to receive the said sum out of the said balance, and if bonds for payment of the said balance have been given by the said Carleton's heir or executors, to assign to the said St. Leger a sufficient number of them, care having been taken that the intended grantees of the Irish revenue shall not pretend to any defalcations for the said sum. [*1¼ page. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 91.*]

July 4.
The Tower.

Sir John Robinson to Williamson. I am glad my service was well taken. I wish you would remind Lord Arlington about

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Berkman. I understand one Dawtry is a prisoner in the Gatehouse, a notable fellow who made a discovery of the persons lately taken. If he were under my jurisdiction, or someone else's that would take pains to discourse and examine him, much might be gathered out of him for the public good. My Lord Keeper is of the same judgment. Were he under good tutorage, I would so confront him that if he would not confess what he knows, I would tell him what he knows. This Dawtry was committed by Lord Arlington about nine weeks ago. I understand he knows Blood. You have forgotten to send a warrant for the commitment of the four here; let it be dated 2 July, else I cannot answer the keeping of them. Let me have notice when the King comes to town. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 121.]

July 4.

News-letter to Thomas Bampfeyld, Dorchester. [The first part is identical with previous news-letters.] Letters from Brussels of the 7th (N.S.) say that the Duke d'Aerschot on the 1st gave an account of the further designs of the French on Mons, on which the Count de Monterey, &c., met him at Halle, and there held a council of war, where it was affirmed that the French King had again consulted his Council whether Mons could be taken in eight days, which if done would give an easy passage to seize the Council and Archives at Brussels; but the French Council answered that the town was well fortified and situated, and had in it 3,000 soldiers, and could not be taken so soon, but that the Hollanders might relieve it, so that in effect it would be only to declare a war by an action of no advantage to them. However, the Spanish Council ordered 300 men more into Mons, and have taken care for securing other places, being again apprehensive of some design the French may yet have on them; the Queen being sent back to St. Germain's and the King still continuing at Aeth, whither a recruit of 1,500 horse is already come, and more on the march. Letters from the Hague of the 7th say that the French Ambassador, Pomponne, was departed, who, instead of a gold chain, &c., took money, and by beat of drum summoned his creditors to receive their dues. The King, they say, upon the desire of Sir William Temple to stay at home, has given the States notice of it, and that he will send another in his place. The City of Cologne raises 2,000 men more for their defence, to which the Emperor sends 2,000, and in case of any danger the States add their 2,000. The Prince of Orange is daily expected from the Duke of Brandenburg's Court, in Berlin, at the Hague, where the Earl of Ossory awaits him. From Holland 'tis advised that the French army was but eight hours from Strasburg, in Germany, which caused great consternation there, whose great expectation is what the States of Germany will do for them in their exigency. The 1st instant Lord Lucas died. The King's yachts are ordered to Portsmouth to attend him on his arrival. The Tartars made a sudden incursion in Poland, and took much booty and prisoners, but were so hotly pursued that they lost many men and had some of note among them made prisoners. [$3\frac{1}{2}$ pages. *Ibid.* No. 122.]

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July 4. Deal. Richard Watts to Williamson. Yesterday a pink from Milford for Yarmouth, with Welsh coals, struck on the north point of the Goodwin, and still sticks fast. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 123.]
- July 4. Oxford. E. Bernard to Williamson. The enclosed is Mr. Addison's, which the importunity of the printers on the instance of the Act makes me despatch to you, with the humble service of Mr. Carr, one of our proctors, and the author's good friend. I crave you to suppose Mr. Addison's remote abode hindered a more welcome service and immediate presenting of his book, which justly begins with his thankful acknowledgments to you. Though the treatise makes amends for the deplorable illiterateness of that people, which never better deserved their name than now, yet the modest and reverend author had not given it this common light, if not more provoked by his gratitude to yourself than the secure truth of his relations. [*Ibid.* No. 124.]
- July 4. Warrant for a grant of the place of Master of the Great Wardrobe to Ralph Montague in reversion expectant on the death of, or other voidance thereof by, the Earl of Sandwich, the present Master. [*Copy. Ibid.* No. 125.]
- July 4. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Yesterday the *Cleveland* yacht was launched, which may be ready to sail in three or four days. [*Ibid.* No. 126.]
- July 4. Whitehall. Robert Yard to Williamson. The Bishop of Lichfield asks that the warrant for restitution of temporalities be sent. I am much called on for an Order in Council concerning Robert Boyle, which they say you told them you would transmit in order to have it mended by Sir Richard Browne, that the same amendments may be made in the King's letter. Enclosed is what is prepared for the next *Gazette*. [2 pages. *Ibid.* No. 127.]
- July 4. [Lord Arlington?] to the Portuguese Envoy. Apologising for the delay in replying to the memoirs addressed to him, having been unable to do so without the Duke of York's opinion thereon, which he received only yesterday. As to the demand made by Sir E. Spragg, at the port of Lisbon, for English seamen who were enrolled in the service of Portuguese vessels and were gone to the Indies, that was in pursuance of a very old order, which has been always given to admirals and commanders of the King's ships; if Sir Edward, though ordered to execute it with all the consideration due to the Crown of Portugal, which is so closely allied to that of Great Britain, should be found on his return to have exceeded his instructions, the King will punish him as the crime deserves. As to the regulation of salutes in future, his Majesty only desires that no innovation be made, and will order that the ancient practice be exactly followed with regard to Portuguese fortresses, it being always understood that the same honours be always paid to his vessels as to those of any other King whatsoever. As to the complaints made of the liberty taken by the King's ships of firing their cannon by night, his Majesty says it is against his orders, for at nightfall there has been always a rule established on board the

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King's men-of-war to fire a single shot to inform every one that it is night, and that the night watch ought to go on duty. Such is the answer that the King has ordered to be given on the different memorials, which he accompanies with fresh complaints made by English merchants more warmly than ever at Lisbon, of the exorbitant impositions on all English manufactures. [*Draft. In French. 4 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 128.*]

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Portsmouth
Dock.

John Pitt, Clerk of Control, to the Navy Commissioners. Desiring to have his salary paid there quarterly, as the yard shall be paid, having been there nearly a year and a half, and having never received anything beyond what would satisfy his assistant for a year. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 8.*]

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Portsmouth.

Commissioner J. Tippetts to the same. The ordinary was paid yesterday. Mr. Ridge hopes by Thursday to be provided with money to pay off the *Nonsuch*. We are in great want of deals here. The *Cleveland* yacht was launched yesterday. We careened one side of the *Nonsuch* and are on the other to-day. The false keel is wholly, and the after main keel much eaten, but the worms are dead, which, I conceive, were destroyed by her late being in the Northern seas.

Postscript.—John Moody offers deals and tar at the rates mentioned. I desire to know if you approve of them. Mr. Ridge declares he can get no more money. Near 3,000*l.* will be wanted to pay off the ship. The officers say the men declared they would be content to have most of their money paid in London, except those living to the Westward. They will try again if the men's resolution holds. If so we shall pay them to-morrow; if not, I shall advise you by express of the sum wanting. [*Ibid. No. 9.*]

July 4.
Chatham.

Phineas Pett and the other Governors of the Poors' Chest to Sir Jeremy Smith and Samuel Pepys. Being disappointed of a considerable sum we had good reason to expect, viz., 2,500*l.* from Mr. Fenn, and 500*l.* from Mr. Wright, we are totally incapacitated from completing the pay of the pensioners, which we began to-day. Though we have commissioned Captain Shales and one of our number to wait on you, yet we thought fit to trouble you with this, requesting your assistance. [*Ibid. No. 10.*]

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The Earl of Anglesey to Sir Robert Long. By the Chatham letter of the 2nd instant you will find it will be extremely inconvenient and clamorous if the 3,000*l.* ordered to the poor of the Chest be not presently paid. I could provide no better security for its being ready than to leave it in the Exchequer for the King's use in his Navy. If it be not now paid, I doubt the poor will come where it is, and some will be blamed. [*Ibid. No. 11.*]

July 4.
Dublin.

Sir G. Rawdon to Viscount Conway. Enclosing letters from Hurlbert and Temple. I lent them horses to Drogheda, and wrote to Lisburn to send others to meet them there. Two bricklayers and two carpenters came over with them, who went northward yesterday on foot. I discoursed with Mr. Hurlbert about the plots and foundations. I hope Lieutenant Bolton will come while I am

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here, that the letter about Charlemont may be delivered and the business settled. The Treasury is shut up, and no money to issue till Lord Ranelagh come; only by the King's express order 2,000*l.* was paid in full of Col. Talbot's lady's portion. All letters say the Lord Lieutenant was kindly received at Court, and that he is to return in September, and meantime has the allowances and perquisites of the place, as if he were here, of which the licences for transportation of wool is not a little, for very much is now shipping. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ pages. *Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 149.*] *Enclosed,*

July 4. William Temple to Viscount Conway. Concerning his journey and passage, and his departure that day for the North. [*Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 149I.*]

[Before July 5.] John Boylston, D.D., to the King. Petition for presentation, *ad corroborandum titulum*, to the rectory of Market Bosworth, co. Leicester, void by the death of Mr. Spence, to which he has been presented by Mr. Dixye, patron and lord of the manor. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 129.*]

July 5. [Williamson] to Robert Yard. Concerning Dr. Mapletoft's bill, Windsor. the Bishop of Lichfield's homage, and notices to be inserted in the *Gazette* of the Earl of Ossory's return, and of the appointment of Dr. Vyner to the Deanery of Gloucester, and of Dr. Scott to a prebend at Windsor, both vacant by Dr. Brough's death. [*Draft. Ibid. No. 130.*]

July 5. Sir Christopher Musgrave to Williamson. Expressing the regret Moor. of all the company there that his occasions will not permit them to have the honour of seeing him. [*Ibid. No. 131.*]

July 5. Thomas Williamson to Williamson. My lady intends to-day for Whitehall. Northamptonshire. [*Ibid. No. 132.*]

July 5. Robert Yard to Williamson. Enclosing some inland letters, and Post Office. one from Mr. Leigh in Ireland. Nothing heard as yet of Dr. Mapletoft's presentation. [*Ibid. No. 133.*]

July 5. Richard Watts to Williamson. The vessel mentioned in my last, Deal. having unladed some of her coals, has got off, and has sailed for Yarmouth. [*Ibid. No. 134.*]

[July ?] Francis Sandford, Rouge Dragon Pursuivant at Arms, to the King. Petition, praying, that having accomplished the funeral of the late Duke of Albemarle in sculpture by the King's command, which cost 160*l.*, whereof he has received 100*l.* out of the Wardrobe, the remaining 60*l.* may be made 100*l.* to enable him to satisfy his creditors, and to proceed in another work of the monuments of his Majesty's predecessors now in the press. [*Ibid. No. 134A.*]

July 5. Privy Seal for 100*l.* to the said Sandford, for the considerations mentioned in his petition. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 105.*]

July 5. Grant of the Deanery of Gloucester, void by the death of Dr. Brough, to Dr. Thomas Vyner. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 14.*]

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July. Grant of the prebend of Windsor, void by Dr. Brough's death, to Dr. Peter Scott. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 14.*]
- July 5. Grant to George Stradling, D.D., of the Chantership at Chichester, void by the promotion of Dr. Crew. Minute. [*Ibid. and S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, Nos. 135, 137.*]
- July. Docquet thereof. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 90.*]
- July 5. Warrant for dispensation to Dr. Lambrooke Thomas to hold the Chancellorship and Residentiary respectively of Chichester Cathedral, which he now has, with the Deanery, to which he is about to be admitted. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 14, and S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, Nos. 135, 137.*]
- [July 5.] Dispensation, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, to Dr. Lambrooke Thomas, to hold the Chancellorship and Residentiary of Chichester Cathedral, which he now has with the Deanery, to which he is about to be admitted. [*Draft. Latin. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 136.*]
- [July 5.] Note of grants to Dr. Lambrooke Thomas, Dean of Chichester, of the vicarage of Pemsy, Sussex, the Chancellorship and Residentiary of the Holy Trinity, Chichester, which he now holds, and the Deanery with which he is to be invested. Also note of the preferments of Dr. George Stradling, namely a prebend of Westminster, and of Wenlock Barnes, St. Paul's; the rectories of Fulham, Middlesex, and of Cliffe, *alias* Cleve, Kent, and the Chantership of Chichester Cathedral. [*Ibid. No. 138.*]
- July 5. Grant to Major Pollard to muster two men in each of the two companies in garrison at Windsor Castle, and to receive the pay for them. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35A, f. 24.*]
- July 5. Captain John Shales to Sir Jeremy Smith and Samuel Pepys. After great pains, charge, and trouble in soliciting for part of the money long due to the Poors' Chest at Chatham, which Lord Anglesey promised should be ready by the 4th instant, I have at last to-day about 500*l.* of the 3,000*l.* to be paid, so that the general pay of the pensioners, which should have been yesterday, is delayed to their great prejudice. I and one of the Governors have been sent up to get what we possibly can of the remaining 2,500*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 12.*]
- July 5. Certificate by Matt. Hanch and Thos. Downes that, upon receiving Charles Amherst's timber in the stores at Chatham, they made a reasonable allowance upon the square for the hewing thereof. [*Ibid. No. 13.*]
- July 6.
Whitehall. Sir James Hayes to Williamson. Requesting him, on behalf of the Prince [Rupert], for an order of reference from the King in a matter relating to the Great Park of Windsor. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 139.*]
- July 6. News-letter to John Dawes at the Excise Office, Hereford. [The first part is about the launch of the *Cleveland*, already mentioned.]

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From Paris letters of July 2 say that the King has sent to the Count de Monterey to advise the Count de Molina not to go to France on his embassy, and that M. de Villars' journey to Spain was also stopt. Whether this arises from anything lately done at Vienna is doubted, for some say that the business there was a contrivance of M. Gremonville on purpose to come away, finding a discovery made of some tampering in the affairs of Hungary. Madame d'Orleans was dashed as she went to see Mons. The people spying the fleurs de lys, covered them all over with dirt, for which the Duke d'Aerschot made some satisfaction, helping to wipe it off himself, and excused it upon the natural hatred those people bear to the French, without any particular affront intended to her person. There is much discourse of what the King will do on the affront offered his ambassador in Turkey; that he will declare war and keep continually a fleet of about 20 sail in the Dardanelles to hinder the communication between Constantinople and Egypt. When the French Ambassador had audience, he, beginning to praise his own master instead of the Grand Signior, was stopt, and forced to retire, the Minister telling him that the French could not expect such usage as other nations, because they assisted their enemies, besides having so much to answer for the vast sums of false money which they had brought and vended among them. The Prince of Orange is gone further from Berlin with the Elector of Brandenburg to Custrin to see it, and divert himself with hunting, on which the Earl of Ossory was coming to England. The Burgomaster of Cologne treated the Duke of Lorraine, the Count of Furstenberg and several foreign ministers, when the Count of Furstenberg assured them that the Elector will use no force against the city. The rest of the East India ships are returned to Holland. Mr. Henry Coventry, of the Bedchamber, is chosen Ambassador to Sweden. To-day the King came to town, and goes home in the evening. [3 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 140.]

July 6.
Whitehall.

Robert Yard to Williamson. I received Dr. Mapletoft's presentation, and sent it to the Signet Office; and also received the warrant for the Deanery of Gloucester to Dr. Vyner. Enclosed are the French and Flanders letters. [1½ pages. *Ibid.* No. 141.]

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Charles Massonnet to the King. Petition praying for a pardon, being convicted, in his absence, of the murder of Robert Pemberton. *At foot,*

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Whitehall.

1. *Reference thereof to Mr. Justice Morton, his Majesty remembering the good and ancient services of the petitioner's father to himself in his infancy in teaching him to write, etc. On the back,*

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2. *Report by Mr. Justice Morton in favour of the petitioner, who was indicted last May twelvemonth with Mr. Fines for the murder. Mr. Fines appeared, the petitioner did not, but though it appeared that the former gave the mortal wound, the jury acquitted him of murder, and found him guilty of manslaughter only. Had the petitioner appeared, the offence would have been but manslaughter in him. [Ibid. No. 142.]*

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Sir Thomas Player to Williamson. "Last year when the Act against Conventicles was put in execution, the cry of that sort of people was that both our consciences and purses are oppressed. Must we be denied serving God in our own way? and must we serve those that oppress us by unreasonable taxes? Could we but enjoy a little liberty for our dear consciences, we could with a great deal of liberty pay whatever should be laid upon us. Since, I know not by what unlucky indulgence, the laws against conventicles have been laid asleep, and a moderate Lord Mayor has let the people do what they list; now upon the coming out of the Subsidy Act, these people that meet where and as often as they please in their private assemblies, cry out in all places, 'Oh, our taxes! Oh, our burdens, more than the Egyptians!' etc. Thus take away from them their unlawful liberty of conscience and lay lawful taxes upon them, and they murmur, defame authority, and rebel in their daily language against Moses and Aaron. And give them their brutish liberty of conscience and touch them in their purses, and still they murmur and speak evil, both of the civil and ecclesiastical authority. They are a sort of people not to be pleased unless they may be the lords of all." [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 143.]

July 6.
Whitehall.

Francis Benson to Williamson. I spent yesterday in framing an index for books, wherein I met with this point concerning the Queen of Scots (Mary), and the French king (Henry III.) (*sic.*), bearing the arms of England. I consulted a book of French treaties containing this one, but with this article omitted. But a book of Scotch treaties has it, and comparing it with the cited book, I found the words to be different, yet not so much as to alter the substance, and that in the cited seems rather the first draft of the article, than that which was concluded. The treaty was made at Edinburgh 6 July 1560, *inter Franciscum Secundum* (says the Scotch Treaty book), but the other *Mariam*. [*Ibid.* No. 144.]

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Oxford.

Dr. Peter Mews to Williamson. Testimonial in favour of William Jackson, a postmaster of Merton. [*Ibid.* No. 145.]

July 6.
Whitehall.

Robert Yard to Williamson. Enclosing Dr. Vyner's bill prepared for the King's hand. The Bishop of Lichfield said he was to do homage this afternoon at Berkeley House, where the King dined, so I got him a homage at the Signet. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ pages. *Ibid.* No. 146.]

July 6.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Monmouth* yacht is arrived, and the others from the Thames are daily expected. The *Cleveland's* sailing is to be tried to-day, so as to find her trim before the King comes. [*Ibid.* No. 147.]

July 6.

Deposition of William Johnson, mariner. To the same purport as the next.

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Deposition of George Graves, mariner. He was a prisoner at Carthagena in the West Indies last December, and there saw and was on board the *Thomas and Richard*, and spoke with the mate, boatswain, and others of her company, who told him that the said ship being laden with cacao, sugar, elephants' teeth, gold, and divers

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other goods, and some passengers bound from Jamaica to London, was, last September, taken by a Spanish ship in latitude 29° 30' about three days' sail this side the Gulf of Florida, and brought in there as prize, and that the said mate and others are made prisoners and slaves there, and that when he made his escape thence about the end of March last, they were detained there as prisoners, and that when he made his escape there were several Englishmen kept there as slaves and very barbarously used, being forced to work with irons on with the King's slaves all day, and put into prison at night, having only the allowance of half a royal a day, and that two of them told him they had been slaves there these five years past, and that about last February, when news was brought of a peace concluded between the English and Spanish, some of the said Englishmen made slaves there went to the Governor and demanded their liberty, and begged that their irons might be taken off, and that he answered, "Ye dogs and cuckolds, go to work," and thereupon one of the Spaniards in company of the Governor drew his sword and cut one or two of the said Englishmen in the head. [*Attested copies from the Register of the Court of Admiralty. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 148.*]

[July ?] List of the officers and crew of the *Thomas and Richard*. [*Ibid. No. 149.*]

[July 6.] Grant to Dr. Lambrooke Thomas, of the Deanery of Chichester, and Residentiary therein void by Dr. Crew's promotion. [*Copy extracted, by Sidney Bere. Latin. On Parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II., Case C.*]

[July 6.] Minute thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 135, and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 14.*]

July. Docquet thereof. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 90.*]

July 6. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I have
Portsmouth. informed Mr. Ridge of your orders for the ketch and galliot. The *Monmouth* yacht is arrived. I long to hear what is to be done about the pay of the *Nonsuch*. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 14.*] *Enclosed,*

July 5. Sir Robert Holmes to Commissioner Tippetts. Complaining
Yarmouth. that there is no order for the victualling of the galliot, and
[Isle of Wight.] desiring to know what the Board intend to do to her when the King and the Duke come to Portsmouth. [*Ibid. No. 141.*]

July 6. Daniel Furzer to Colonel Thomas Middleton. Sending an esti-
Woolwich. mate of the repairs of the *St. David*, and complaining of his hardships for want of money, the iron he had provided, but had not been paid for, being now worked up for his Majesty's service, and he, though having a bill for 700*l.*, being unable to get a penny of it, and reminding him of the inconvenience and loss of time caused by the call house being so far from the gate. [*Ibid. No. 15.*]

July 6. Commissioner Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I hope the bill
Chatham. of imprest for 200*l.* you signed for the pressed men will meet with

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ready payment from the treasurers. They cannot get any trust from the people here, being strangers, so that when they have no money to go to market with, they and their families are in want, and undergo very great hardship. I shall, as you desire, order that the old stuff be not meddled with or measured by any without the order of the master shipwright and storekeeper. This and some other orders of mine have made two officers here very peevish and disturbant. I have sent one over for the cutting of Mr. Clarke's timber. Bartholomew Lake, the plumber, is wholly a stranger to me, and I cannot hear of one in these parts that I dare recommend to you. The future master plumber, if recommended by me, may be served by the master shipwright, who is concerned in his work, as the master caulker was, except it be somebody who will give him money for his letter or certificate. I hope his malicious spirit, under pretence of serving his Majesty, may one day be discovered to you as well as to others.

The major part of the arms, lodged in these stores by his Majesty's order, have been delivered out by the storekeeper without my knowledge, though he would not receive them without my warrant. I shall give warrant for the delivery of the rest. [2½ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 16.]

July 6. Captain Robinson to the same. Acknowledging the receipt of
The *Greenwich*, provisions for fourteen days, and, as he intends to sail next morning,
The *Downs*, asking that the month's provisions may be sent after him to Ports-
mouth. [*Ibid.* No. 17.]

July 6. The Duke of Richmond and Lenox to Samuel Pepys. Desiring
an order to the victualling office at Chatham for a month's pro-
visions to his vessel, which is ready to sail. [*Ibid.* No. 18.]

July 7. Matthew Lock to Williamson. Enclosing three orders approved
by the Master of the Ordnance to be presented to Lord Arlington.
Colonel Russell despatched an order to-day for carrying some of his
Majesty's treasure from the pay office in Broad Street to the yard
at Portsmouth. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 150.]

July 7. Anthony Benoist to Serle. Being unable to go to Whitehall,
Bridgwater asking him to entreat Williamson to remember to send by post to
House. Worsop Manor, if not sent already, Lord Arlington's letter to Lord
Ogle concerning Lord Widdrington. With a note on the back, from
T. Williamson, forwarding it. [*Ibid.* No. 151.]

July 7. Huygens de Zulichem to [Lady Arlington?]. With a present of a
London. telescope as like to that which the King has done him the honour of
accepting, as, if she should have twin sons (as he wishes), they
would be to each other. If others of her friends should wish for the
same pleasure as that tube will give her on the balconies of Windsor
or Goring House, they have only to apply to one Reeves, an excel-
lent optician in Old Acre, whom he has instructed, and allowed to
take all the measurements so precisely, that he cannot fail to pro-
duce the same. [1½ page. *French.* *Ibid.* No. 152.]

July 7. Huygens de Zulichem to ———. “Vous avez beau dire,
London. Monsieur: On n'a eu garde de me mettre en main le warrant

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en question et disputé mesme par un de ceux qui l'avoyent signé. Puis, la piece estoit inutile et de nulle valeur sans l'ordre du Registreur qui devoit en suivre, et pour preuve de l'histoire, j'ay procuré d'en avoir une copie authentifiée par notaire, qui vaudra l'original. En suite j'ai poursuivi ma pointe, et à force de memoires et memoriaulx, d'instances de bouche et par escrit, qui seroyent trop longues à vous reciter et *quorum animus meminisse horret*, j'ay tant effectue, que mes trois anciens financiers ont formé et signé de leurs mains l'advis arraisonné dont copie va cy-jointe. Aujourd'huy matin la Chambre estant assemblée chez le petit homme je l'y ay envoyé, et Downing, par miracle, l'a présenté incessamment. Mais on a dit, que pour le grand nombre d'affaires qu'on avoit eu sur les bras toute la matinée la chose devoit estre remise jusqu'à Lundi. Autre grimace, pour faire valoir la marchandise, où on pouvoit avoir faict dans un tournemain, et tout cela pour verifïer le proverbe, que tousjours la queue est la plus difficile à escorcher, au moins on me sale et poivre bien ceste queue, et j'auray sujet de me souvenir d'avoir esté entre des mains, je n'ose pas dire barbares, mais, sous vostre permission, insulaires, et à des gens qui seroyent bien fâchez de se veoir traictes ainsy, ou quelcun de leurs, en terre ferme. Au bout du compte, si on persiste encor Lundi à vouloir esconduire S. A. d'une depesche, que les plus habiles financiers d'Angleterre jugent juste et praticable, je concluray, que ce n'est qu'à dessien de l'affronter, et m'en iray tout droict porter copie de l'advis à mon maistre, pour pouvoir aviser à par luy ce qu'il conviendra de faire entre le roy et luy. C'est ma resolution, Monsieur, mais, premier que de l'excuter, je la soubmets à vostre jugement, que j'ay ordre d'observer et suivre en tout et partout. Je vous supplie de me le vouloir departir entre cy et là, afin d'avoir de quoy me garentir en tout evenement." [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 153.] *Enclosed*,

- July 6. Sir R. Long, Sir C. Harbord, and R. Sherwyn to the [Lords of the Treasury]. Advising on what revenues the 100,000*l.* for the Prince of Orange should be best assigned. [1½ page. Copy. Ibid. No. 153*l.*]
- July 7. Robert Yard to Williamson. Enclosing what came by the inland mails, and one from Mr. Leigh. I have still in my hands Sir Thomas Bond's warrant for the money he is to receive of Sir Robert Long for pictures, &c.; nobody comes to inquire after it. [Ibid. No. 154.]
- July 7. Francis Benson to Williamson. This passage of England's precedency before Spain, I endeavoured to use the first opportunity to entertain you with. There is lately published a posthumous pamphlet of Mr. Selden's, of the office of Chancellor of England, most fitly dedicated to Sir Francis Bacon, to which is annexed a catalogue of all the Chancellors of England, collected by Mr. Dugdale, though I am most certain another has prevented him in that. Dr. Heylin's *Introduction to the English* is published, with a new addition with the arms of the English nobility blazoned. [Ibid. No. 155.]

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July 7. Lord Widdrington to be deputy-lieutenant of the town and county of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35A, f. 24.*]

July 7. Balthasar St. Michel to the Navy Commissioners. Enclosing an
Deal. account of the money paid on board the *Crown* on tickets and bills, 13 June last, by Mr. Medwell. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 19.*]

July 8. Dr. R. Francklin to Williamson. I received a note last Tuesday at Oxford from Mr. Crosse for the return of 190*l.*, which I paid him for your use. I showed the note to your kinsman, but he stays for your order, which please send by next opportunity. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 156.*]

July 8. Robert Yard to Williamson. Dr. Vyner's business is passing with
Whitehall. all speed. Lady Grandison is said to be dead here. [*Ibid. No. 157.*]

July 8. Matthew Andrewes to Williamson. Forwarding an enclosure
Ashley House, from the East India Company. [*Ibid. No. 158.*]
Walton-on-
Thames.

July 8. News-letter to Thomas Wall, near the Tolzee, Bristol. [The first part is identical with previous news-letters.] The King is still resolved to go to Portsmouth, but has deferred going till next Thursday. Count Spar, the Ambassador Extraordinary from Sweden, is expected here in a month, being joined in commission with Sir John Barkman Lyonbergh, the Resident, to treat with such Commissioners as his Majesty shall appoint for the adjustment of the limits belonging to the dependencies of the new acquisitions in the Spanish Netherlands, in order to determine all differences between the French and Spaniard on that account. In the Act of Oblivion concerning the Hungarian rebellion, only some already in prison are excluded. All that delivered themselves up to the Emperor or remained in their own country have the benefit of the pardon, only those being deprived of it who fled to the Turks for shelter. The Dutch were somewhat alarmed at a late report that the Elector of Cologne had besieged the city, but they now believe that his troops have taken possession of a passage which will hinder their sending the city any assistance. A Turkish Envoy is gone to Lemberg, whence he has informed the King of Poland that he is sent to wait on him, by whose errand we may judge whether there will be a war there this summer or no. The great Turkish fleet is said to have arrived at Candia, and two Bassas are said to be sent to Barbary to command them, under the Grand Signior's displeasure, to forbear piracy, so it is hoped their design is to promote commerce. Paris letters tell us of the death of the Duke of Anjou, notwithstanding the physicians' assurances to the King of preserving him alive till his return. Major Banister, who was sent to fetch the English left at Surinam, has performed that trust to great satisfaction, and sent his Majesty over a present of the several sorts of arms and other curiosities of the natives. [$3\frac{1}{4}$ pages. *Ibid. No. 159.*]

July 8. [Lord Arlington] to Sir Thomas Strickland. A question having
Windsor. arisen on passing the custody of the Great Park at Windsor to

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Mr. May, whether it heretofore passed immediately from the King under the Great Seal, or was bestowed by the constable for the time being, the King has commanded me to transmit to you and your brethren the enclosed alleged instances on behalf of the constable, that you may have the rolls, registers, or entries of the Privy Seal office or elsewhere searched, whether the custodies of the Great Park and Paddock Walk were within these 100 years or upwards granted by letters patent, and what grants are found of them respectively, and certify the same to the King. [*Draft. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 160.*]

July 8.
London.

H. Brounker to Williamson. Requesting him to tell Lord Arlington that he had spoken with Sir William Bucknall and Sir Thomas Orby, but could not get the first to meddle with his Irish money, nor the last to come to a reasonable price for his lease, and also to ask Lord Arlington to procure a King's letter for the first vacant lieutenancy in the Guards in Ireland for William Danvers, who has served the King in the wars of England extremely well, and went to Ireland on Lord Berkeley's promise to employ him, which he has broken in revenge to the writer, who has had not one penny of him, and whose only motive is having been acquainted with him in Colchester. [*Ibid. No. 161.*]

July 8.
Essex House.

C. Cratford to Viscount Conway. The Lords Commissioners sat last Thursday, and with much strictness assessed those that had not assessed themselves. You were assessed at 4,000*l.*, which is to pay 12*l.* You have 10 days after the 12*l.* demanded to complain, and 14 days after complaint to get relief. I hear it was the Earl of A[n]glesey that took upon him to know your personal estate. When I know your inclination, I shall endeavour accordingly. [*Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 162.*]

July 8.
Portsmouth.

Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. Mr. Ridge has told me that 4,000*l.* will be here to-morrow, so I directed the clerks to get their books ready to begin paying the *Nonsuch* on Monday. The merchant who has the deals and tar I mentioned will make no abatement in his price. I bade him consider of it till Monday. Captain White of the *Hatton* ketch has given me a demand for some work to be done to her. I agreed yesterday with Colonel Norton for 200 loads of oak timber, one half being very large and excellent at 50*s.* a load, the other at 37*s.*, and about 70 loads of plank at 3*l.* 18*s.* a load. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 20.*]
Enclosed,

*The said demand. [Ibid. No. 20*l.*]*

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St. James'.

Matthew Wren to the same. Requesting that the remainder of the provisions for the *Greenwich* and *Assurance* be supplied them at Portsmouth, or sent after them from London. [*Ibid. No. 21.*]

July 8.
St. James'.

The same to the same. I have received your answer to the last. I have written to the commanders of the *Greenwich* and *Assurance* not to sail from the Downs till Monday night. Should they stay longer, they will be wholly useless for the service they are designed

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for. I enclose several petitions for the master caulker's place at Chatham to his Royal Highness, which he desires you will examine and report upon, and also a letter to you from Captain Pearse, opened by mistake for one of my own. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 22.] *Enclosed,*

Phineas Pett to the Duke of York. Petition, stating that he had been bred under his grandfather, Captain Phineas Pett; that he had proved his skill as a shipwright by the many ships built by him for the Navy and for merchants. That he had shown his willingness by a difficult and hazardous undertaking to find and procure masts and fir-timber in the Highlands of Scotland in the late Dutch war, for which he left his employment at home, and attended the management thereof through the hazard of his life and health by dangerous and tedious travels in those remote places. That though the masts sent home did not prove so well as they appeared when chosen in the woods, and the period of the war then happening rendered them less acceptable, yet all the masts, with considerable quantities of large fir timber and deals, were found to be of good use in the Navy, and that he was employed in that service, and was five years away from his home and country, and praying for the appointment, having been recommended as first to succeed to a master shipwright's place. With a reference by the Duke of York, dated 16 June. [Ibid. No. 22I.]

Edward Boudwell, of Deptford, brother to the late master caulker at Chatham, to the Duke of York. Petition stating his qualifications, and praying for the appointment. [Ibid. No. 22II.]

[July ?] Edward Boudwell to the Navy Commissioners. Petition praying them to recommend him to the Duke for the appointment. [Ibid. No. 23.]

[July ?] William Marles, foreman of the caulkers at Chatham, to the same. Two petitions almost identical, stating his qualifications and praying their recommendation of him to the Duke for the appointment of master caulker at Chatham, the chief difference being that the first petition prays for the place in succession to Mr. Brunsdon, if dismissed, which words are omitted in the second. [Ibid. Nos. 24, 25.]

[July ?] John Okey to the same. Petition stating his qualifications, and praying them to recommend him to the Duke for the same post. [Ibid. No. 26.] *Annexed,*

Certificate by several persons of his competency. [Ibid. No. 26I.]

[July ?] Daniel Hooke, foreman of the caulkers at Woolwich Dockyard, to the same. Petition stating his qualifications, and praying their recommendation of him to the Duke for the same appointment. [Ibid. No. 27.]

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July 8. Captain Roger Strickland to the same. Stating that since Thurs-
 The *Kent* at the day last his ship had been very leaky, making $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet of water each
 Buoy of the watch, and suggesting she should come up to the Hope. [*S.P.*
 Nore. *Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 28.]

July 8. John Russell to William Youar (Hewer). Requesting warrants
 to Deptford to receive the timber specified. [*Ibid.* No. 29.]

July 8. Captain Francis Digby to Samuel Pepys. Requesting an order
 Deal Castle. from the Board that the *Greenwich*, now in the road, should spare
 him half a topsail and some ropes for the two yawls provided for
 the use of the castle by his Royal Highness's orders. [*Ibid.* No. 30.]

July 8. Robert Leigh to Williamson. Pressing him about the letters
 Dublin. about which he lately wrote. Colonel Richard Talbot landed here
 last night, but went straight to his house four miles off, where his
 lady is. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 150.]

July 8. Robert Thelwall to Viscount Conway. I paid Lieutenant Hill
 Lisburn. the 100*l.* to complete the 300*l.* William Hill puts off from day
 to day paying the moneys he owes your troop. I met Mr. Hurlbert
 and William Temple yesterday on their way to Portmore. Concern-
 ing the troop and the new stables. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ page. *Conway Papers.*
Ibid. No. 151.]

July 8. Joseph Stroud to Viscount Conway. Describing how he had
 Portmore. conducted Mr. Hurlbert to Lambeg and Portmore, and how much he
 liked the places. Concerning the plans for the stables—All here
 think your lordship will have to enlarge your house to make it
 suitable to that fine building, which will be the nonsuch of a stable
 in all the kingdom. I am very confident Mr. Hurlbert will drink of
 St. Patrick's Well, and be persuaded by you to stay in this king-
 dom. [2 pages. *Conway Papers.* *Ibid.* No. 152.]

June Thomas Newcombe to Williamson. I received yours of July 7th
 [July] 9. and 8th. I shall pay the 150*l.* to Mr. Thomas within the time
 appointed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 163.]

July 9. A. Ellis to Williamson. Acknowledging his letter and enclo-
 London. sures, and suggesting that while the Court is at Portsmouth, the
 post should run every night there. On the back are some memor-
 anda by Williamson about the King's escort on his journey. [*Ibid.*
 No. 164.]

July 9. Warrant to Sir John Robinson to arrest and keep in custody the
 Windsor. four Fifth Monarchy men in the Tower. [*Draft.* *Ibid.* No. 165.]

July 9. Robert Yard to Williamson. Sending enclosures. [*Ibid.*
 No. 166.]

July 9. James Welsh to Williamson. Thanking him for his services in
 Rye. obtaining for him the place he had troubled him about. [*Ibid.*
 No. 167.]

July 9. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Sending list of ships arrived.
 Plymouth. [*Ibid.* No. 168.]

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July 9. Privy seal for payment to Henry Coventry, Ambassador Extraordinary, of 1,500*l.* for his equipage, 500*l.* for his journey, and 10*l.* *per diem* for his entertainment during that service; and also of such sums for extraordinaries as shall be allowed by a Secretary of State. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 108.*]
- July 9. The like for payment to Thomas Rosse, Secretary of the said Embassy, of 40*s.* *per diem* for his entertainment during that service. [*Ibid. f. 109.*]
- Noted at foot of the last that Mr. Coventry took leave of the King 12 July at Windsor. [*Ibid.*]
- July 9. Windsor. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Ely. We recommended you to grant an almsman's place to John Brooke, who was loyal to the very last in the late King's service, but find his admission thought invalid because the letter was only recommendatory, and the place proves to be fully in our gift. We require you, therefore, to continue him therein without molestation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 26.*]
- July 9. Privy seal dormant for 100*l.* to Colonel Gifford as the King's free gift. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 105.*]
- July 9. Warrant to Major Rolleston to send 40 men of the companies now at Rochester, to serve on board the *Argiers* and *Holmes*, and to recruit the like number in their places. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35A, f. 25.*]
- July 9. Warrant to Major Wyndham to have 12 of his troop ready to attend the King at Petersfield next Thursday, a like party midway between Petersfield and Portsmouth, and the rest of the troop ready to receive him on his arrival there. [*Ibid.*]
- Drafts of the last two warrants. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, Nos. 169, 170.*]
- July 9. Windsor. Warrant for a grant to Thos. Bignell of the office of yeoman pricker of the harriers, void by surrender of John Richardson. Fee, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* a month. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 26.*]
- July 10. Whitehall. Robert Yard to Williamson. Acknowledging his letter and enclosures, and enclosing one from Mr. Lock. Dr. Stradling very much desires the bills for the Dean and Chanter of Chichester returned before the King leaves Windsor. No one comes for Sir Thomas Bond's warrant. [*1½ page. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 171.*] *Enclosed,*
- July 10. Horse Guard over against Whitehall. *Matthew Lock to Williamson. Acknowledging his letter with the orders to Major Wyndham's troop, to Major Rolleston, and the three to the Master of the Ordnance. The first has been delivered to Adjutant Clynch, who will send it by a horseman that will be at Winchester to-morrow, and Sir Stephen Fox promising to supply Clynch with money, he will write to his officer to take up money at Winchester on bills of exchange. Sir Thomas Daniell promises that he or Colonel*

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Russell will send the order to Major Rolleston. Sir Robert Holmes is anxious to know what is done about Hurst Castle. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 1711.]

July 10. Windsor. Warrant of assistance to Lord Windsor, Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire, in favour of Colonel Edward Cooke, for preventing tobacco planting in that country, and for destroying any plantations already or hereafter made. [*Draft and Copy. Ibid. Nos. 172, 173.*]

July 10. Sir John Bennet to Williamson. Requesting him to have the letters to the Lords Lieutenant of Gloucestershire and Worcestershire sent to Lord St. John's house in Lincoln's Inn Fields. [*Ibid. No. 174.*]

July 10. London. Anthony Benoist to Williamson. Enclosing a letter from the Duke of Newcastle, being prevented by a sore throat from going to Windsor with the bearer, Mr. Bernard. Lord Arlington's letter to Lord Ogle concerning Lord Widdrington, was sent to Worsop Manor by the last post. [*Ibid. No. 175.*] *Enclosed,*

July 1. Welbeck. *The Duke of Newcastle to Anthony Benoist at Bridgwater House in Barbican. Requesting him to accompany the bearer, Mr. Barnard, to Lord Arlington, that he may deliver his letter. [Ibid. No. 1751.]*

July 10. The Tower. Sir John Robinson to Williamson. I returned last night and found all things quiet and in good order. [*Ibid. No. 176.*]

July 10. Truro. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. No news. [*Ibid. No. 177.*]

July 10. Weymouth. John Pocock to James Hickes. I am desired by a friend, a person of quality, to give you this relation, there being not one tittle more than truth in it. There is a person in the parish of Hay in Herefordshire, called old John Prosser of the Park, aged 117, having issue Charles Prosser aged 90. These two, about three weeks since, walked from their own habitation to Hereford, being seven long miles distant, and returning back on foot the same day, being within a mile of home, Charles, the son, had a desire to rest himself, but John, the father, was very angry, calling him, "Tiny chit, canst thou not forbear resting till thou comest home?" This Charles Prosser has issue John, aged threescore, who lately married, but John Prosser, the grandfather, was angry at it, and called him simple boy for thinking of marriage before he was threescore and ten. The person who gave this relation saw this father, son, and grandson within this ten days. [*Ibid. No. 178.*]

July 10. Warrant to Sir Gilbert Talbot, Master of the Jewel House, to provide 3,000 oz. of plate to be given for Sir Edw. Spragg, Admiral of the Fleet in the Mediterranean, for his late services against those of Algiers. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 108.*]

July 10. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Windsor. Dispensing in favour of Dr. Saumarez, Dean of Guernsey and Prebendary of Windsor, with any statute that might interfere with his repairing to Guernsey to fulfil his duties as Dean. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 14.*]

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Sir D. Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. Desiring their acceptance of two bills for 1,774*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.* drawn by Sir Thos. Clutterbuck, and that he be advised to forbear drawing till his account will bear it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 31.]

July 10.
Chatham Dock.

Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. Stating that the *Eagle* hulk is in such a bad condition that she cannot be repaired further, and suggesting that the wreck of the *Defiance* be made into a hulk instead, and desiring leave of absence for eight or ten days. [*Ibid.* No. 32.]

July 10.
Windsor.

Warrant for a charter to Arthur Temple, surgeon, burgess of Edinburgh, and Janet Davidson his spouse, and the heirs of their bodies, with remainder to the said Temple in fee simple, of the town and lands of Ravelrig, and the lands of Pillmure, in the parish of Currie and shire of Edinburgh, formerly belonging to Sir John Wauchop. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 1, p. 235.]

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Windsor.

The King to Sir John Nisbet of Dirleton, Lord Advocate. Whereas we are pleased, in favour of the pious and laudable design of persons of condition in Scotland (for whose names you are to leave a blank to be filled up by us), to establish plantations and colonies in our dominions of America, and to grant to the said persons in fee simple all that territory to be called ———, situate within our said dominions, extending north and eastward as far as the river of St. Mathias, which borders on the coast of Carolina, lying within or about 29° exclusive of north latitude, and so west in a direct line as far as the South Seas, and south and westward as far as the southernmost part or point of Cape Florida, and so west in a direct line as far as the South Seas, with all and singular ports, harbours, rivers, bays, creeks, and islets belonging to the said territory or province, with all other privileges, immunities, liberties, and franchises as amply as the Lords Proprietors of Carolina do or may enjoy by virtue of our letters patent, a copy whereof is enclosed, and likewise to grant to the said persons the island called Dominica, one of the Caribbee Islands, with the above-mentioned privileges, immunities, liberties, and franchises, and further to grant them power of erecting a mint and coining money to be current in the said province and island, we therefore require you to prepare a signature for our royal hand to warrant the passing of such a grant under the Great Seal of Scotland, and to transmit the same with all convenient speed to the Earl of Lauderdale, mentioning therein all such further clauses suitable to what was granted here in England, *mutatis mutandis*, as will render the grant as secure and effectual to them as possible. [*Ibid.* p. 236.]

July 10.
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Warrant for a charter to Alexander, Earl of Kellie, and his heirs male, of the lands and barony of Kellie and the lordship of Pettinweyme, with the rights of patronage of the kirks of Carnebie, Pettinweyme, Anstruther Wester, and Rynds, and erecting the same in a free earldom, to be called the earldom of Kellie. [*Docquet. Ibid.* p. 239.]

July 10.
Windsor.

Warrant to the Treasury Commissioners of Scotland to allow to Sir John Strachan, late one of the receivers of the rents and revenues there, 500*l.* sterling, in compensation for the gift of 1,000*l.* bestowed

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on him by the warrant of 29 May 1662, which has not proved effectual, without prejudice to his pension of 1,000*l.* Scots *per annum*. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 240.*]

July 10.
Windsor.

The King to the free imperial city of Bremen. Requesting them to discharge to Sir Alexander Hope of Kers the debt of 10,000 imperial thalers, with the interest thereon from 24 June 1663, of which he has not only been unable to obtain the interest, but even the principal, except by consenting to a heavy reduction thereof. [*Latin. Ibid. p. 241.*]

July 11.
Whitehall.

Thomas Williamson to Williamson. I received a letter enclosed from my lady yesterday, after sending to you by Mrs. Anne Holmes, who went for Billing. I shall wait on Alderman Backwell and Dr. Franklin to-day. The sentinel is set constantly every night. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 179.*]

July 11.
The Tower.

Sir John Robinson to Williamson. Acknowledging his letter. [*Ibid. No. 180.*]

July 11.
Windsor.

Order in Council. Regulating the method in which payments are to be made in the office of the Treasurer of the Navy, and appointing that in future but one single person be treasurer. [*Two Drafts and two fair copies. 1½ page. Ibid. Nos. 181-184.*]

July 11.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Sending the names of the six yachts arrived. [*Ibid. No. 185.*]

July 11.
Whitehall.

Francis Benson to Williamson. This passage of precedence between England and France is in the same book where I found the last. I have added two I observed in the book Mr. Osborn transcribed. I can find nothing to illustrate the first quotation, which seems imperfect and obscure. The sitting of kings in ancient councils seems to give the honour to France, that King having place next the Emperor on his right hand, the King of England (*filius tertius et adoptivus ecclesiae*) on his left hand. In the Council of Constance there are recorded to be handled the pacifying of a schism and the proceedings against Jerome of Prague and John Huss, but not a word of the controversy of precedence, which may render the printed book either supposititious or partial. [*Ibid. No. 186.*]

July 11.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Enclosing news. [*Ibid. No. 187.*]

July 11.
London.

Edward Wayte to Viscount Conway. Acknowledging 200*l.*, and stating that he had paid 104*l.* 9*s.*, and had cancelled the bond. [*Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 188.*]

July 11.
Dantzic.

Fr. Sanderson to [Williamson]. Detailing his wrongs received from Capt. George Cock, who will neither acknowledge or pay the debt of 900*l.* which he owes him, honour his bills, nor answer his letters; and begging his assistance against this false friend. The Polish general commanded horse to pursue the Tartars who made the late incursion, who are said to have killed and taken prisoners 7,000. [*Ibid. No. 189.*] *Enclosed,*

July 11.
Dantzic.

Fr. Sanderson to Capt. George Cock. Giving details of their business transactions, and urging him to answer his letters, send him accounts, and pay certain moneys to Lady Rider, [Ibid. No. 189I.]

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 July 11. *The same to the same. Sending proofs that David Fithey's*
 Dantzic. *executors are liable to payment of Prebendaw's debt.*
[S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 189II.]
- July 11. Warrant for two companies under Col. Russell to march to
 Hampton Court to attend the Queen there. Minute. *[S.P. Dom.,*
Entry Book 35A, f. 25.]
- July 11. Warrant to the Lord Keeper to affix the Great Seal to a Com-
 mission appointing Henry Coventry Ambassador Extraordinary to
 Sweden. *[S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 25.]*
- July 11. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. Complaining of Com-
 missioner Cox's conduct in not allowing the clerk of the cheque
 to enter the shipwrights mentioned in his letter of 28 June, some
 of whom had wrought a considerable time; declaring that he can-
 not be answerable for any inconveniences that shall happen from
 the delay or insufficiency of repairs of ships, without having
 power to enter and discharge men; inquiring (1) whether, when the
 master shipwright causes men to be checked for disobedience, the
 Commissioner ought to have their work allowed; (2) whether, when
 the master shipwright causes men to be checked for neglect of duty,
 the Commissioner ought to hinder it; (3) whether, when the master
 shipwright orders men to be discharged for insufficiency, who walk
 about with their hands in their pockets, the Commissioner shall
 continue them in the King's pay; (4) whether the Commissioner
 shall discharge pressed men and enter others that they may pro-
 cure in their room, at which the rest of the pressed men are dis-
 satisfied and ready to mutiny; (5) whether, when the master ship-
 wright, according to their Honours' warrant, grounded on his
 Royal Highness's order, has given extra allowances to the servants
 who are more than ordinarily industrious, or for extra work, the
 Commissioner shall take away such allowances; and declaring that
 without being established in the power properly belonging to a
 master shipwright, it is impossible for him to carry on his Majesty's
 service. *[3 pages. Original and Copy, the latter having in the*
margin Commissioner Cox's answers to the various charges and
queries, some of which he denies, and as to others, charges Pett
with neglect of his duties. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, Nos. 33, 34.]
- July 11. The King to the Lords Justices. Letter in favour of Robert
 Windsor. Boyle, following the terms of that of 7 June, calendared *ante p. 304*,
 except that an error in the date of the letters patent to him is
 corrected. *[S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 94.]*
- July 11. The King to the Lords Justices. Directing the remission to
 Windsor. Sir Andrew Aylmer of the new quit rents and the arrears thereof,
 imposed on his estate by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation,
 he having received no benefit from former letters of 21 August last
 on account of a mistake therein. *[Ibid. p. 183.]*
- [July ?] Captain Robert Straton to the King. Petition for a patent for
 engines he has invented for draining coalpits and drawing up coals.
At foot,

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Whitehall.

Reference thereof to the Attorney General, and report by him in favour of granting a patent for 14 years, if a clause be inserted that it shall be void if the invention be not new and of public advantage. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 190.]

July 12. Sir Geoffrey Shakerley to Williamson. Asking him to deliver
Chester Castle. the enclosed to Lord Arlington, and if the order desired be granted, to see that it empowers him, in case of refusal, to break open doors and locks, and to search by day all suspected places. [*Ibid.* No. 191.]

July 12.
Windsor.

The King to the Attorney or Solicitor General. The Lord Mayor, &c., of London have petitioned for remission of 23,614*l.* 15*s.* 11*d.* in arrear of the first six quarterly payments of the Royal Aid and Additional Supply, and of 120,623*l.* 1*s.* which would have grown due for the last six payments of the same, on the parts of the city burnt in the late fire, and have in exchange offered to submit to the duty of hearth money on the parts of the city burnt down and now rebuilt, or to be rebuilt during seven years, which hearth money was remitted to them by declaration, 13 Sept. 1666, and also to make good by a reassessment the arrears of 4,499*l.* 18*s.* 5*d.* due for the Royal Aid and Additional Supply on the standing parts of the city, paying in the money at once, the whole arrears, with those of the one month's assessment to the Duke of York, amounting to 151,045*l.* 0*s.* 4*¾d.* An indenture is therefore to be prepared, whereby on the aforesaid conditions the King releases the said sums to the Lord Mayor and citizens, to Sir Thos. Player, Chamberlain of the city and receiver-general of the Royal Aid, &c., to Wm. Avery, head collector, and all sub-collectors, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 106.*]

[July 12.] Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 192.*]

Docquet thereof, dated 30 September. Two copies. On the second, noted by Lord Ashley and Sir T. Clifford, 4 October, that they had received his Majesty's pleasure for passing thereof. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, Nos. 127, 128.*]

July 12.
Windsor Castle.

Warrant for Daniel Earlsman, reprieved at the Salisbury assizes, now prisoner there, to be set at liberty on bail, in order to the suing out his pardon. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 108.*]

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Grant to Rob. Needham of a pension of 200*l.* a year during pleasure. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Docquet thereof, dated November. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 144.*]

July 12.
Windsor.

The King to the Treasury Commissioners in Scotland. Requiring them to cause the walls of the park at Stirling to be repaired, and to have it stored with deer, as he remembers seeing deer in it, and is informed that in the times of his father and grandfather it was ever stored with deer and white wild cows, and never applied to any other use. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 243.*]

July 12.
Windsor.

The King to the Treasury Commissioners in Scotland. Warrant for discharging the President and Senators of the College of Justice from their proportions of the current supply granted in the late session of Parliament, and for paying back any part already collected. [*Ibid. p. 244.*]

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July 12.
Windsor.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant, and in his absence to the Lords Justices. After reciting that the Commissioners for executing the Acts of Settlement and Explanation on 12 January 1668[-9] reduced the quit rents of the lands in the barony of Bear and Bantry in County Cork, granted to Arthur, Earl of Anglesey, to $\frac{1}{2}d.$ an acre, and directed his order to be drawn accordingly, but that before they signed it their commission expired, directing that letters patent be passed, granting the said lands to the said Earl at the said rent. [1½ page. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 93.*]

[July, between 2nd and 12th.]

Homage of the Bishop of Oxford. [*On parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II., Case C.*]

[Before 12] July.

Lord Arlington to the Earl of Arundel. Asking him to remember Walter, his quondam page, when a colour falls. Is going to Windsor at 10 to-morrow, and shall wait upon him. Unsigned. *At foot,*

The Earl of Arundel to Lord Arlington. The first has been done by him, and shall be continued to have the effects his lordship may justly expect from him. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 193.]

[Before 13] July.
Windsor.

Thomas Kelligrew to the King. Petition for a grant of 300*l.*, remainder of a bond of 500*l.* due to the Crown by Thos. Pritchard, as surety for a receiver of hearth-money, in part payment of a bond of 500*l.* due by himself as surety for the late Michael Hudson, clerk, killed in his late Majesty's service, to Pritchard. His former petition for Pritchard's whole bond failed, 200*l.* of it having been previously granted away. With draft order thereon, granting the petition. [*Ibid. No. 194.*]

[Before 13] July.
Windsor.

King's letter to the Lords Justices of Ireland, directing letters patent to be passed, remitting, in favour of John Fleming of Steventon, in Meath, so much of the new quit rent imposed by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation as exceeded the old quit rent on such lands as were decreed by the Commissioners for executing the said Acts to James Fleming of Stahalmceck, in Meath, deceased, father of the said John Fleming, inasmuch as he recovered only a small part instead of the whole of his estate. [3½ pages. *Draft or Copy. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 153.*]

July 13.
London.

William Clayton to Williamson. Desiring a speedy answer to his letter with Lord Berkeley's particular concerning Harlington. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 195.*]

July 13.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. His Majesty is expected here to-day. The six ships from the Downs are arrived. The *Rupert* is near ready to sail. [*Ibid. No. 196.*]

July 13.
Chatham
Dock.

Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. Complaining that Commissioner Cox had checked the carpenter, and, as he hears, the boatswain of the *Prince*, of a month's victuals for putting up the poop lanterns when his Majesty was on board, by his orders, Sir Jeremy Smith having given orders to make the ship as handsome as possible, and further complaining that when he took the smack

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to go down the river, the Commissioner pricked the men their time who went with him, in order to lessen his authority; and that on a Sunday, at his Majesty's charge, to the amazement of the people at church, eighteen guns were fired aboard the *Sovereign* and *Prince* by the Commissioner's order, for the accommodating of some private persons. [1½ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 35.]

July 13. Captain Roger Strickland to the same. Stating that he had
The *Kent*, in the brought the ship thither in accordance with their letter of the 10th,
Hope. and that the leak continues the same. [*Ibid.* No. 36.]

July 13. Sir G. Rawdon to Viscount Conway. Our brother Francis landed
Dublin. here last night. He had no money left, so I lent him 10*l.* He promises to go northward in two or three days. I intend in the morning towards Kilkenny. I hope our brother will now be better contented, but doubt he will not lay up anything. Last night at 11 all the drums in town beat an alarm which raised all the town, 300 men appearing together on a sudden at the new bridge over the river at the Bowling Green. It proved only a tumult of apprentices with tools, &c., to break down the work, which is about half done, and the city opposes it. They made no resistance. About thirty are in prison, but what will be done with them I hear not yet. Yesterday a hearing in the Exchequer held all day till 7, between Bellingham and his son Corker, for about 13,000*l.* owing to the King, and the verdict went for the father by a city jury, 'tis said contrary to evidence; so Sir G. Carteret and Corker are made the debtors. Shirley's indictment had an error, *reput* for *rapuit*, and was suspected also to be raised (erased), but Lord Santry admitted it an error, so we must have a new trial next term. Money is 10 per cent. exchange, and that little English money left is bought up at 18*d.* per pound to carry away, so we shall be quickly deprived of all manner of coin. Guineas are 2*s.* or 2*s.* 6*d.* apiece. The Earl of Orrery is abroad in Munster visiting the ports and garrisons. The news here is still that the Lord Lieutenant returns suddenly. They write the Royal Aid comes not to the third part expected. England is either grown very poor, or the matter ill-managed. Colonel Talbot is come over, but the commission of inspection is not yet come, and it is not thought here it will signify much. A continued rain this week here. [*Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 154.]

July 14. Commissioner Cox to the Navy Commissioners. Requesting that
Chatham the 200*l.* for the board wages of the pressed men mentioned in their
Dock. last be sent; complaining that the ordinary and the men on board the *Dreadnought* had no beer, the brewers being unable to buy malt, &c., in consequence of Sir D. Gauden's owing them so much money; stating that the *Dreadnought* was launched on Wednesday, and the *Victory* docked in her room on Thursday; suggesting that the *Dreadnought's* bread-room be lined with lead instead of tin; enclosing two demands for oars and tallow, and mentioning a tender for broom at 50*s.* per thousand. [1¼ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 37.] *Enclosed,*

The said demands. [*Ibid.* Nos. 37I, 37II.]

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- July 15. J. Swaddell to [Williamson]. The Council met yesterday, but
Whitehall. sat only an hour, and did nothing. My lord has received your letter. This evening the Queen arrived at Somerset House, and intends to-morrow back to Hampton Court, on which my lord, having laid a wager that she would not return thither till the King came here, is now gone to see whether he has won or lost. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 197.]
- July 15. Lord Frescheville to Williamson. I have not yet been to York, on
Staveley, account of the sickness of my horses, but hear that all is quiet and
Derbyshire. well there. I hear nothing of the postmen's petition, which makes me fear the success of it. [*Ibid.* No. 198.]
- July 15. Robert Yard to Williamson. Lady Anglesey sends often hither
Whitehall. concerning a letter to Ireland in behalf of Mr. Boyle. Enclosed is what came by the Flanders mail. [1½ page. *Ibid.* No. 199.]
- July 15. James Hickes to Williamson. I was yesterday with your friends
London. Sir John Robinson and Sir Thomas Player, in the Artillery Ground, at his mustering his city regiment. Sir John told me he would pay me off for abusing him to you in my letter. Did I think to write you anything but you would show it him? I told him I wrote it you that he might know it. Notwithstanding, he was most kind in all respects. I hope your return will be before the last of the month, and that you will that day honour Mr. Gould and myself with your company, and the before-named worthy persons and all the worthy archers of Finsbury Fields and others about town. [*Ibid.* No. 200.]
- July 15. John Cooke to Williamson. Forwarding a letter to himself, and
Whitehall. others to Lord Ossory and Mr. Rustat. [*Ibid.* No. 201.]
- July 15. Matthew Lock to Sir Jeremy Smith. Requesting the discharge
of Richard Ostre, a shipwright at Chatham, whose daughter is his child's nurse. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 38.]
- July 15. Edward Gregory to the Navy Commissioners. Concerning the
Chatham. differences between the Commissioner and the master shipwright, as to which has the right of entering and discharging men, and lamenting that his lot is fallen in a place infamous for its continued divisions and dissensions, the sight and noise of which is very vexatious and afflicting. [*Ibid.* No. 39.]
- July 15. Dr. John Parry, Dean of Christ Church, to Williamson. Letters
Bowling Alley, from Ireland speaking of the death of the Bishop of Ossory, I have
Westminster. thought to send the enclosed letter for his Majesty. As the bishopric is very poor, so the choice of the successor designed has the concurrence not only of the Lord Lieutenant, but also of his Grace of Canterbury and of Ormonde, and of the chief bishops of Ireland. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 155.]
- July 16. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Sir Jonathan Trelawney came
Plymouth. here yesterday, making preparation for the Duke of York. Lord Bath is preparing for the King. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 202.]
- July 16. Hugh Salesbury to James Hickes. Thursday about 2 o'clock his
Portsmouth. Majesty came from Windsor, took a breakfast by the way at

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Mr. Legg's house ; by his coming here three or four hours before he could be expected surprised everybody ; neither the Governor with his soldiers nor the Mayor with the townsmen were prepared to receive him with that due formality, as usual on the like occasion. As soon as he came in, he went presently aboard the ships, first to the *Cleveland* yacht, then to the *Phoenix*, *St. Michael*, *Edgar*, *Reserve*, and many others, having to attend many barges and pinnaces ready for that occasion. He seemed greatly pleased with all the shipping at this place. Friday morning he sailed for to try all the yachts, and from hence to Newport in the Isle of Wight is about nine leagues. They all sailed with contrary winds, and in about four hours' time got thither, in which time the *Cleveland* got to an anchor an hour before any of the rest. That day his Majesty, with all the nobility, were entertained at dinner by Sir Robert Holmes, Governor of the Isle of Wight. Yesterday, about 7 in the evening, they all sailed by this place again and anchored at St. Helen's Road, where they remained about three hours. Then, the wind coming fair to the N.E., they all sailed to the westward, we suppose for Plymouth ; if the wind holds, they may recover it to-night. The yachts and ships attending are in the margin. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 203.]

July 17. Writ to John Clarke, Sheriff of Suffolk, for an inquisition *ad quod damnum* if the franchise of holding two markets or fairs a year at Thwaite were granted to Sir George Reeve. *Annexed*,

Sept. 11. *Return of the result of the inquisition in the negative.* [*Law Latin.* 7 pages. Copy. *Ibid.* No. 204.]

July 17. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Thanking him for his cordial
Truro. love and service. [*Ibid.* No. 205.]

July 17. John Pocock to James Hickes. Last night, about seven, passed by
Weymouth. Portland to the westward a fleet of 25 sail. The headmost was a hoy carrying the standard in the maintop, therefore we conclude her to be the *Cleveland* yacht, and that his Majesty is on board bound for Plymouth, where we suppose they may arrive to-day before noon, for they had a fine gale all last night at east and by north. [*Ibid.* No. 206.]

July 17. Captain Abraham Holditch to the Navy Commissioners. En-
Gravesend. closing an account of the provisions received from Sir D. Gauden on board the Royal Company's ship *Charles*, and complaining of the badness of them, especially of the beer and stockfish. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 40.]

July 18. Sir John Robinson to Williamson. Lord Arlington dined with
The Tower. me at the Tower on Saturday, and gave me the warrants for the release of old Blood and Perrott, and for the confinement of young Blood, which is accordingly done. Sir Samuel Starling has conquered all his last year's enemies, that maliciously brought suits against him for doing his duty in his mayoralty, viz. Hayes and Jekell dare no further meddle with him, the fanatic jurymen that were fined for not finding guilty the Quakers, &c., at the Old Bailey, they lay in prison for their fines, brought their

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habeas corpus in the Common Pleas, bail was taken for them many months ago, their business has been several times argued before the judges, and this term eight of them gave their opinions against the other four, that the jurymen should be remanded to Newgate, for that the cause was criminal and not cognizable in that Court, but lay before the Judges of the King's Bench. This was a business of great consequence in his Majesty's government. There was a verdict passed against him at Guildhall, before Judge Vaughan, concerning a popular election of the Bridgemaster. He has got arrest of judgment and silenced his enemy Turner, so that he dares not further contend with him. Worthy Mr. Middleton, the tooth-drawer, who was the last year taken at a conventicle and fined 10*l.* and distrained, appealed, brought two actions, one a trespass and the other for his money; he was nonsuited in both, and pays Sir Samuel treble cost. He now magnifies Lord Chief Justice Vaughan for his kindness to him. Sessions began yesterday at Hicks' Hall. This morning I caused to be brought to the Bench the 27 Sabbatarians or Fifth Monarchy men, which I committed to Newgate. The oath of allegiance was there offered and read to them; they all refused to take it. They were immediately indicted, the grand jury found the bill, and the petty jury found them guilty, so they will be prosecuted to a *præmunire*, their goods confiscated, and their bodies imprisoned during his Majesty's pleasure. The four I have in the Tower and the four that are in the Bridewell will be likewise proceeded against. Friday last I mustered my regiment in the city, had them into the Artillery Ground myself with all my old accoutrements, suitable to the colours which led 20,000 men into the field before the King came, in order to his Majesty's restoration, the same day Lambert was brought under the gallows when we were in Hyde Park. Sir Thomas Bloodworth musters his regiment to-morrow, and so the other colonels follow, two regiments every week. I showed them a precedent according as I mustered my two regiments in the Hamlets, &c., gave them only the short oath inclosed, which they readily took in both places. Our poor old muster master, Tom Cox, is dead. We let his brother have this year's muster money to bury him handsomely in the city. Captain Bradshaw will succeed him, according to the King's commands. All is in good order and quiet here. [1½ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 207.]

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News-letter to Gilbert Staplehill, Dartmouth. The *Greyhound* and *Anne* from the East Indies are lately arrived. The 18th three of his Majesty's ships sailed from the Downs to Portsmouth to attend him, if he shall be pleased to take some divertisement by water. On the advice received by the Court of Spain of the spoil the pirateers made at Panama, they have ordered several men-of-war, &c., to be made ready with all speed to carry over men, for strengthening those places against any further attempt. The command is given to the Count de Medina Celi. The States sent to the Princes of Lünenburg to compliment them and congratulate their success upon Brunswick, which being an inland town, its being taken or not was of small consideration to them; but for Cologne,

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which if taken might stop their trade on the Rhine, they hold themselves sufficiently concerned, having not only sent them in forces to their assistance, but took their quarrel upon themselves, and declared that they will justify them against their enemies. The Hamburg Resident has given the States notice of their apprehension, and of the designs of the King of Denmark and the Princes of Lünenburg upon them. The States' answer is expected. Several new levies are making in France, designed to be complete about September, when those raising in Italy will be on their way, all supposed for some great design next spring. 16,000 of the troops in Flanders are going towards St. Quentin, to work on the fortifications there till all begun is fully perfected. The French King about the middle of next month intends for Rochefort. The Governor of Flanders will not venture to disband any of his forces, but still keeps them in pay to bring them to better discipline, for discharge of which he has sent to the several countries for a further supply of money. On the 13th the King went at about four in the morning from Windsor for Portsmouth, and may be expected at Whitehall about three weeks hence. Lord Windsor was discharged on the 11th, and on the 12th kissed his Majesty's hands. The day the King left Windsor for Portsmouth the Queen removed to Hampton Court. Six yachts, besides the *Cleveland* lately built, expected the King at Portsmouth, and also six men-of-war. Before his Majesty's departure, the despatches for sending Mr. Henry Coventry Ambassador Extraordinary to Sweden were perfected. Colonel Bampfild was returned to Holland from Cologne, and gave an account of some secret affairs, on which the discourse went that the French were as much to be suspected of designs on it as ever. There is a great jealousy that it will be at last besieged, on which the States are sending 3,000 men more, and lending them 200,000 florins at reasonable interest. The part of the Dutch fleet belonging to the Northern parts went to sea on the 20th and joined the other two squadrons before the Texel. The Prince of Orange was expected at the Hague on the 22nd. Hamburg makes levies apace. The Turkish army is marching, and they do not remove the jealousies of the Emperor by whatever pretence of preserving peace and unity they make, especially since the Bassas have forbidden any of the neighbouring subjects sending provisions to the Emperor's garrisons. Brussels letters say how Count Monterey and other chief commanders intended to dispose themselves for the better inspection of the garrisons, and also that at Cologne a siege was expected in a few days, and that Maréchal de Crequi had advanced his vanguard as far as the Lissell. Sir John Finch, the late Resident at Florence, is safely arrived. The 13th, three East India ships came to the Downs. The 13th, about one, his Majesty and Royal Highness reached Portsmouth, dined at the dock, and lay at his Majesty's house in the town that night. On Friday about six they went aboard the new yacht and passed to Yarmouth, where they stayed that night. On Saturday at about six in the afternoon they returned to the fleet at St. Helen's, where the wind presenting they sailed with the whole fleet for Plymouth. The carriages stayed at Portsmouth in expectation of his return, which it was

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thought would be Thursday or Friday next. The French King on the 22nd was going for Fontainebleau for about three weeks. He expected with great impatience the return of his couriers from Madrid and Vienna, whom he sent to demand reparation for the insult made him at the Emperor's court in the person of his Resident, Gremonville (on which account he stopped his own Ambassador going to Spain, and the Spanish coming to him), though it is believed that Gremonville was to blame, the business having been long premeditated. 7,000 horse are raising in all haste, and orders are given for assembling 20,000 foot and 6,000 horse at Metz by 20 August. The King has demanded nine millions of his farmers. There is great talk of change of Ministers, and Fouquet's enlargement. At Toulon on the 13th they had notice of their men-of-war about fifteen leagues off Malta in quest of Tripoli men-of-war. They have done nothing at Tunis but left before it four men-of-war with two fireships. From Alicante they say that the *Mary* had been before Algier, where they had made three chains to save their shipping, and planted several guns on the Mole. They had abroad only three ships, but intended to build five more of 40 to 50 guns, as soon as the timber could be brought from Bugia, which lay there ready. The sending new levies by the Spaniard to the West Indies is confirmed, and that the Duke de Medina Celi was raising 10,000 men in Andalusia for that service, to be commanded by the Prince of Moritesarchi, twelve great ships with many smaller being appointed for their transportation. Several engineers are sent to make good their fortifications, and all strangers on *Terra firma* are to be rooted out. 2,000 French families have been transported from other plantations to Honduras and Nicaragua to inhabit there. [3¼ pages: *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 208.]

July 18. Captain Leonard Guy to the Navy Commissioners. Enclosing an account of the provisions received on the *Friezland*, and complaining of the badness of them, especially of the beer and fish. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 41.]

July 18. William Acworth to the same. Stating that on 26 June 1667
Woolwich. he delivered, in obedience to a warrant from the Board, 10 cwt. of old copper to Mr. Birkhead's foreman. [*Ibid.* No. 42.]

July 18. Captain Isaac White to the same. Desiring victuals for two
Hatton ketch at months, as he is ordered to Guernsey; and an order for deals to
Portsmouth. make a bread-room and a powder-room. [*Ibid.* No. 43.]

July 18. W. Bodham to the same. Desiring a supply of hemp, as that in
Woolwich store will not last beyond Saturday. Endorsed, "August 18." [*Ibid.*
Ropeyard. No. 44.]

July 18. Robert Leigh to Williamson. Again reminding him of the
Dublin. letters which have been lying so long for the King's signature. Yesterday, about five in the evening, we had great disorders in the streets, for about 30 musketeers of the Guards, commanded to conduct to Bridewell some 'prentices that were taken last week pulling down the new bridge now building in the suburbs, were set upon on the Merchants' Quay within the gates by a great multitude of other

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'prentices armed with swords, spits, brickbats, &c., and so knocking down the officer, and putting the soldiers into some confusion, gave the prisoners occasion to escape, but not without some loss, for the soldiers, firing and pursuing briskly, killed three men and a horse, and wounded several and took two or three more, which occasioned great tumults in the streets; but soon after, Lord Justice Forbes, rounding the streets afoot with about 100 gentlemen and a few of the Horse Guard, dispersed them, and then coming to the Castle, where the Lord Chancellor was, put out a proclamation that upon pain of death none but officers and such as went upon the King's service should stir out of their places of abode till seven this morning, so that we have been very quiet ever since, though the common sort murmur apace and say the business will not be put up yet, and that they will have the bridge down. This evening was buried Sir George Lane's lady with all the formalities due to her quality, attended by many ladies and persons of quality in their coaches, and several in deep mourning. [2 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 156.]

July 19. Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. The present invites you with
Lyme. the discourse I had lately with one released out of captivity from Sallee, taken in there in the *Dartmouth Merchant* in August '68, who came thence May last. He says that they have fourteen sail of ships, nine then abroad, the other five newly built, some of them carrying upwards of 30 guns; that there were several men at work to make it more floaty over the bar, but he supposes the winter storms will mar all they do in that matter; that Tassaletta was twice there in his time, the last a fortnight before he came away, when he saw him (though usually they shut up their slaves at such time), when he caused the heads of some of the most considerable to be taken off for offending his greatness. There is near 100 English slaves there at present. [*S.P. Dom. Car. II.* 291, No. 209.]

July 19. Charles Whittington to Williamson. Asking him to use his
Hull. influence in his favour that he may be continued as Collector of Customs at Hull, and not displaced by the new farmers. [*Ibid.* No. 210.]

July 19. The same to the same. Shipping news. Monday last came
Hull. hither Lord Bellasis from his country house at Worlabby, four miles from Barton, and returns thither to-morrow. Ensign Thom, in Captain Griffin's company, at a play here ran a seaman through the body for some ill language, of which he is just dead, and the ensign fled for London as it is supposed. [*Ibid.* No. 211.]

July 19. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. Acquiescing in their
Chatham Dock. refusal to grant him the leave requested, and defending his having branded Esquire Amherst's bill, much of the timber having proved to be rotten and unserviceable, and not worth the first price contracted for. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 45.]

July 19. Edward Gregory and T. Wilson to the same. Returning Esquire
Chatham. Amherst's bill, not having made out a new one, as Mr. Pett found no occasion to make any alteration in his certificate. [*Ibid.* No. 46.]

July 20. James Hickes to Williamson. Concerning letters received from
London. and forwarded to him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 212.]

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London.

A. Ellis to Williamson. We have no other news here but of the famous musters your brother Robinson makes with the broad-brimmed hat we got him. This town were as silent as the grave but for the Lady Clanbrassil, who, amongst other things, is extremely scandalized that Mr. Sidney keeps the company of an old fat woman in man's clothes, stiled Mr. Montague. She is herself after Harry Killegrew. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 213.*]

July 20.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. His Majesty's horses, &c., continue here, expecting either orders to move or his return. The *Rupert* is ready to sail. [*Ibid. No. 214.*]

July 20.
Whitehall.

Robert Yard to Hugh Salesbury. Requesting him to convey the enclosed to Williamson, and to continue his reports, notwithstanding Williamson's absence. [*Ibid. No. 215.*]

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Whitehall.

News-letter to John Celely, at Orchard Portman, Taunton. [The first part is identical with the last news-letter.] The King is expected here next week at farthest, intending to come directly from Plymouth to Whitehall. The Court of Spain were in very great perplexity on the advice of the taking of Panama, increased by a misapprehension that the English had done it with a design of continuing the possession, but since they find that it was only an action of the pirates without any order from hence to do them the least injury, and that plunder, not possession, was the only intent, they seem much better satisfied. On the French withdrawing from Flanders, the regiments of horse who for two months had lain about the gates of Brussels are marched away to their garrisons. The Count de Monterey goes to Mons, thence to Valenciennes to settle them in a posture of defence, and for the greater security of Ostend it is designed that a sasse be raised near it, and the Count then goes to Gueldres and Limburg. Colonel Bampffield informed the States that all hope of an accommodation at Cologne was lost, the Bishop having sent a resolution quite contrary to their propositions, and the mediators' business being chiefly to secure some time for the city to fortify themselves before the French came and put the Bishop in a position to attack, he desired of the States more forces, money, and warlike provisions. He told them the city was unanimous, had raised 1,500 soldiers, and formed themselves into several regiments; that the Emperor had sent 2,000, and in case of necessity would send 2,000 more; that out of the aldermen they had chosen a council of war of six, who were to join with six others to report to the Common Council, on which the States resolved to send them immediately three troops of horse and thirteen companies of foot. In the meantime the Bishop of Strasburg, Count Furstenburg, has assured the States that the Duke of Cologne (*sic*) intends no hostility against the city, but it gains but little credit. The French Ambassador, Pomponne, at Amsterdam, was arrested for debt, which he took as a very great affront, but was not much regarded. [*3½ pages. Ibid. No. 216.*]

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Whitehall.

Robert Yard to Williamson. Concerning the receipt and despatch of letters. [*1½ page. Ibid. No. 217.*]

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July 20. C. Cratford to Viscount Conway. Thanking him for the horse, and concerning various matters of business. [1st page. *Conway Papers. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 218.*]

July 20. John Moore to the Navy Commissioners. Informing them that
 Portsmouth. the *Rupert* sailed that morning for Spithead with 160 men on board, and the major part of her provisions. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 47.*]

July 21. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Last Tuesday evening, at five,
 Plymouth. his Majesty embarked again for the East. The shortness of the creditable advice of his coming occasioned the Earl of Bath, who had news on Saturday night late that it was really believed he might be at sea, and might be here suddenly, he being at his house 50 miles off, to take horse Sunday morning so early that he was here with only few of his servants about four that afternoon. Monday morning, the wind being fair for his Majesty to come, Lord Bath made all possible preparations for his reception the time would allow, ordering not only the soldiers of the garrison, but the militia of the town, to be in arms on beat of drum as soon as his Majesty came in sight. His lordship went to sea to wait on his Majesty. As soon as he landed, his lordship presented the Mayor with his brethren, who kissed his Majesty's hand, after which his lordship conducted him to the citadel. As he came to the gate, his lordship, on his knee, presented his Majesty with the key, which he returned again, saying he could not commit it to better trust. After he had entered the house in the citadel, his Majesty was welcomed with a peal of all the ordnance from the citadel, St. Nicholas Island, and Mount Batten, after which all the ships and merchantmen in the Sound, Catwater, and Sutton Pool fired all their guns, and at night, by the Mayor's order, there were many fires of joy made in the several parts of this place. The Earl of Bath showed his Majesty all the fortifications and harbours, with all which he was very well satisfied, insomuch that he declared that he very well approved of all that was done as to the fortifications, and ordered his lordship to acquaint the Mayor that he was so well pleased with this place that he will be very ready to grant anything to promote trade here, and also to tell him that his Majesty would have him think on any way to cleanse and preserve the harbours, and that he signify it whilst his Majesty is here. The Earl entertained his Majesty with all his officers and followers in the citadel at his own cost, and also kept a table in the town at the house of Captain Philip Lanyon, where his lordship entertained the Duke of Monmouth, the Marquess of Blanquefort, with many others of the nobility, having provided all things in very great plenty to entertain his Majesty with all the nobility and persons of quality, and giving money to all his Majesty's inferior officers at their departure. The above, with the enclosed, is what I could collect to-day. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 219.*] *Probably enclosed,*

A further narrative of his Majesty's progress at Plymouth. His Majesty was early up this morning, and viewed the harbour of Hammos, as far up as Saltash, Catwater, and within the Pool, and landed at the Lamhey Stairs, about ten

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and eleven o'clock. After dinner he touched many people for the Evil, and it was talked that he would ride about the town and view where the lines and outworks had been in time of the late war; but on a sudden, while the Mayor and magistrates were together consulting how they might further treat him, and were going to wait on him to understand his remove, he came into the town as far as the new quay, and went presently down to the Barbican Stairs, where he landed, and went into his pinnace. The Mayor and magistrates being so surprised, not having time to kiss his hands at his departure, went after him in a wherry to Mount Edgcombe, where he was gone to view that house and park. They met him in the Bowling Green, coming down to take his pinnace, and were graciously received, he expressing great satisfaction in the excellency of that most excellent harbour beyond any other in his dominions, of the prospect of the royal citadel, town, and the rivers, and told the Mayor that he should be no stranger to this place, for he should visit it again in some short time, graciously expressing his royal readiness for preserving this noble harbour, and for contributing his aid for whatsoever should be proposed for the good of the same, or for the Corporation, commanding them to give their proposal to the Earl of Bath. They kissed his Majesty's and the Duke of York's hands; he presently embarked on the Cleveland, and sailed about nine at night. He and the Duke of York lodged in the royal citadel, the other noblemen and gentlemen were accommodated in the town. His Majesty coming to Plymouth on Monday alarmed the whole two counties of Devon and Cornwall, which are more populous of gentry than in any counties of England. They were all in a posture coming to kiss his Majesty's hands, and many came to the town and were extreme sorry of his Majesty's so sudden departure. The Sheriff of Devon came into town with a noble equipage to wait on his Majesty; the city of Exon had sent several of their aldermen and chief magistrates to wait on his Majesty, and invite him to their city. On Wednesday night his Majesty with the other yachts were seen at anchor in Torbay. The wind blowing contrary will make his passage long, though not tedious, out of the great pleasure his Majesty takes to be at sea. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 219I.]

July 21.
Newcastle.

Sir Francis Anderson to Williamson. The Earl of Ogle writes that he delivered to you, in Lord Arlington's absence, my petition which he presented to his Majesty. My service and charge, my great losses and sufferings by the late war, with six years' imprisonment since at Tynemouth Castle, from 1654 till the Restoration, are very well known in the North. Though this petition be but of a small value, yet it will be more to me at present than a far greater another time. I therefore beg your favour and assistance in obtaining a speedy, and, if possible, a favourable reference upon it. [Ibid. No. 220.]

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Chatham.
Dock.

Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I lately entered some shipwrights by virtue of your former order, but the clerk of the cheque tells them he has received a contrary order not to take notice of their times. In regard of the great want of men, I have ordered those that came voluntarily to continue at work, it being advantageous to employ many hands to despatch as much of the multiplicity of work as possible while the days are long. If your orders be thus positively contradicted by any combinations, I know not how to act, and beg only to be established in that power which really belongs to me, without which it is clearly impossible for me to act any longer as a master shipwright. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 48.]

July 21.
Deptford.

Jonas Shish to the same. Stating that some repairs are necessary to the clerk of the cheque's house there, which cannot cost above 3*l*. [*Ibid.* No. 49.]

July 22.
Whitehall.

News-letter to William Scawen at Molonack, Plymouth. [The first part is identical with the last news-letter.] His Majesty being safely arrived at Plymouth on the 17th, is expected here suddenly. Mr. Coventry may go for Sweden in about ten days. The towns in the province of Holland were to meet, as it is thought, to give a final resolution to the prohibition of all wines. The forces lately ordered to Cologne are ready, and hourly expect orders to march. The French are continually contriving what way they may work them most mischief, and therefore they talk of sending for M. Beverning from Spain, and sending him Ambassador to Sweden to watch the motion of the French Ambassador there. There was a discourse of an underhand design the French had with the Danes against them in Guinea, but the wiser sort give not so much credit to it, because the Dane stands obliged, before acting to their prejudice, to give them fair warning. From Lisbon we hear that the Moors had fallen on the Christians in Loando de St. Paulo, and killed 500 of them, and that they had sent to Lisbon for assistance, which was granted. Some of the Lünenburg forces have taken arms under Hamburg, but most have gone into the service of the King of Denmark. Sir William Jennings, in his passage to Naples, was fired on by several guns from Civita Vecchia for not saluting, on which he stood to sea and put them in no small terror at Rome that he would take his revenge on their galleys bound for Naples. On what place the French will fall first, as they seek the advantage of finding places unprepared, is uncertain. Cologne is judged to be a work of great difficulty, as having great friends to protect them, and therefore some say their first design will be on Colmar. Letters from Messina of 17 June speak of some Tripolines on their coast that had taken an Italian vessel bound for Venice. The Lord Lieutenant is said to intend to start on his return to Ireland on the 20th of next month. We have as yet no certain advice of the day his Majesty will return. The Danes, besides the ten men-of-war formerly mentioned, have ordered five more to be fitted, which looks like a design on Hamburg or some other place. [3½ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 221.]

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July 22. Anthony Thorold to James Hickey. Thursday the 20th, the
Lyme. King with the fleet attending him from Plymouth sailed along this bay (some time near the shore) eastwards, but the wind being strong N.E. and E., could not get about Portland, but next morning tacked to the westward again. While he passed this place most of the inhabitants made to the shore to be spectators, when our great guns were fired from the shore and cliff, and Captain Alford, in a small bark, made out in hopes to get aboard, but the wind veering E. and S.E. was disappointed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 222.*]
- July 22. Captain William Rand to the Navy Commissioners. Begging
Chatham. leave of absence for a fortnight to go to Deal. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 50.*]
Dock.
- July 22. Deposition of George Westerbee that in August last Mr. Pett viewed Esquire Amherst's timber at his wharf, and declared to Commissioner Cox that the greater part of it was very serviceable, and most of it as good as another parcel for which 10s. a load more was asked, on which Commissioner Cox and Esquire Amherst agreed for the whole of the said timber at 47s. a load in the presence of Mr. Pett, and that the deponent did not hear Mr. Pett say the timber was fit only for wharfs and docks, but he seemed well satisfied with the bargain, and that the timber sent to Chatham was the same as what his Majesty's purveyor marked out of the parcel viewed by Mr. Pett, and that the said parcel was once before viewed by Mr. Pett, and that he then made no objection to it. [*Ibid. No. 51.*]
- July 22. Sir Arthur Forbes to Lord Arlington. Recommending the en-
Dublin. closed petition of Adam Ussher, a kinsman of the late Primate, for a King's letter for the next junior fellowship vacant in Trinity College, Dublin. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 157.*]
- July 22. Sir Arthur Forbes to Viscount Conway. The King's commands
Dublin. relating to the governorship of Charlemont shall be obeyed. All the delay it will meet with will be a compliment to the Lord Lieutenant, who before leaving granted it to Mr. Hill. I will be proud of an occasion to demonstrate the honour I have to your person and worth. [*Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 158.*]
- July 22. Dr. Lancelot Bolton to Viscount Conway. I stayed longer at Chester than I expected, for I could prevail on no boat to go, they were so full of hopes of passengers, till Monday last, and then went in the pleasure boat assigned for Sir W. Davis. We were till Thursday at sea. Sir George being out of town made me defer presenting the King's letter to the Lords Justices, but both hearing I was in town, and what my errand was, I advised with Mr. Solicitor, and by his advice delivered it them at the Castle. The Lord Chancellor, in my opinion, is not well pleased, but Sir Arthur Forbes is. [*Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 159.*]
- July 23. Hugh Salesbury to James Hickey. Concerning packets for
Portsmouth. Williamson. The wind hinders his Majesty coming from Plymouth. Just now at eight came a letter from Mr. Williamson, saying he is on the road for Whitehall. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 223.*]

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July 23. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Rupert* is at Spithead waiting for sailing orders. We are in daily expectation of his Majesty's coming from Plymouth, most of his retinue remaining here. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 224.]

July 23. Dartmouth. Post warrant from the Duke of Monmouth, requiring postmasters to furnish the bearer with six horses. [Ibid. No. 225.]

July 23. Portsmouth. John Lee to Williamson. Reminding him of his promise to send his commission from Yarmouth, and requesting that it may be sent. [Ibid. No. 226.]

July 23. Portsmouth. John Hart, captain of the *Rupert*, to the Navy Commissioners. We sailed out on the 20th, having all our bread and beer on board, and most of our beef and pork, and expect the rest in three or four days. I desire some barge oars. About 190 men are on board, and we are using all our endeavours to get more. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 52.]

July 24. Truro. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. No news. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 227.]

July 25. Whitehall. News-letter to Walter Tucker at Lyme. [The first part is identical with the last news-letter.] His Majesty, on the 18th, went aboard again about nine, and sailed towards Portsmouth, but the wind being easterly and blowing hard, at about three on the 21st went into Dartmouth, where he went up the river and lay aboard that night, whence he sent an express to order his coaches from Portsmouth to Salisbury, intending to come directly to London by land. The *Dreadnought* having been sheathed at Chatham, was launched and entering men for her voyage. The *Victory* was docked in her room. The *Dunkirk* and *Antelope* are both rebuilding. Constantinople being wearied out by the long delay of the Grand Signior, had now thought it their best course to espouse his interest, and had acquainted the Sultanness with it, that so she might reconcile herself to him, they being no longer able to support themselves, if he continues his absence. They write from Paris that the Pope was much decayed and had two swellings upon him, which it was thought would carry him off. The Dutch, they say, grow very high at that Court and seem of late to huff, never making any demand without a kind of a threat at the end of it. The French have destroyed and ravaged all about Homburg and Bitsch, so that the people are almost in a starving condition. These, being places deposited to the Duke of Lorraine, are to be besieged, on which account the King goes to Nancy, where the Castle is preparing for his reception. Marshal Turenne is to command the army, and Louvoy to be master of the artillery. Her Majesty came to town this morning to perform her devotions at Somerset House. At Cologne the citizens are daily fortifying and mustering, though some think they may not be attacked this year, the season being so far spent and the French rather inclinable to fall on some place they may certainly carry, than hazard their reputation against so sturdy a city. At the Hague, the chief merchants trading to France being consulted which was most advisable, to lay a high tax on French wines, or

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wholly to prohibit them, unanimously agreed to prohibition, on the report of which a sudden resolution is expected. In the meantime the magistrates are minded to put the late prohibition of French manufactures in execution. To-day about five in the evening his Majesty came to town. [3½ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 228.]

July 24.
Chatham.

Commissioner Cox to the Navy Commissioners. In answer to the master shipwright's urging the advantage of getting as much done as possible in the long days, I ask why has he discharged men entered by my warrant, one of whom was turned out of the yard, till he made application to him. Pray consider the truth and reality of his fine smooth and fair pretences to you, that what he does is all for the carrying on of his Majesty's service. He sent me word last night that he was going to London, and to ask if I had any service to command him. I shall not trouble you with the answer I gave his servant, but the gentleman's stomach came down, and he came to me, and I discoursed concerning the men he calls voluntaries, for whose entry he has given a note. These men were observed to be hankering about the yard a week before I went (I saw some of them myself), but to heighten his disrespect he gives this note to Mr. Gregory the very morning after I went, and yet has the confidence to say they had never been with him to be entered till that morning. I have offered, if he will certify their sufficiency, to give warrant for their entrance. Notwithstanding your former order that they should not be entered, he has kept them to work in the yard, but I shall not turn them out, as he did those entered by my warrant, till I hear from you. If entries and discharges are to be granted to the master shipwright, the next thing will be the master attendants will expect to have the privilege of entering and discharging all extra men and servants in the Navy, which I leave to your consideration. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 53.]

July 24.
Bristol.

Lord Brounker, Samuel Pepys, and J. Tippetts to the same. Our stay at Plymouth was so short, and our journey hither so interrupted, that we could not, till now, give you any convenient account of his Majesty's commanding us from Plymouth to visit the Forest of Dean, where we hope to be to-night, and after three days spent in surveying the same, to set out for London. We shall pass through Oxford. [*Ibid.* No. 54.]

July 25.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. The *St. Jurian* (Centurion) frigate, with the corpse of Sir Thomas Clifford's son, arrived to-day, which will be landed to-morrow evening at our new quay, and thence carried to the citadel by several gentlemen of quality, all the military in this garrison to be in arms to attend the corpse to the citadel. Sir Thomas Clifford's agent here has distributed gloves to all of any quality here, with scarves to the Earl of Bath, the officers of the garrison, with the bearers or carriers of the hearse. The corpse will lodge only to-morrow night in the citadel, and next morning be carried hence to Mr. Treasurer's house to be interred there. The Mayor, magistrates, with all the Common Councilmen, with all others of this corporation, will be in their gowns and for-

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malities to wait on the corpse at the landing and carrying out of town. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, *No.* 229.]

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Dr. John Fell and Dr. Thomas Yates to Sir Leoline Jenkins. The bargain between the University [of Oxford] and the Stationers' Company will expire in a few months, and either the agreement must be renewed or the University fitted to do its own business. If it has not the gain of printing privileged books, it cannot produce editions of authors which produce no profit, and while the charge of the press lies at large in the hands of the University, it can never be looked after or managed to advantage. Things being now at a crisis, if other expedients fail, we intend to offer our services, and assure the payment of 200*l.* per annum, according to the agreement with the Stationers. We think we can demonstrate that the undertaking will be profitable and secure. Your joining would be a great countenance and assistance to it; we therefore propose to you, if we can show good grounds for our procedure, to make one with us. I shall communicate your decision to the Chapter, and am sure they will give such full submission, that neither the Bishop of Chester nor yourself will have any further trouble. [*Ibid.* *No.* 230.]

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Chatham.

Joseph Lawrence to the Navy Commissioners. Mr. Bolling has shown me another parcel of timber, with liberty to choose 100 loads out of it. It is well worth 54*s.* a load. I desire your directions about it. Lord [Winchelsea] is willing to let me have the twenty oaks he gave me leave to choose, on the terms of Mr. Bolling's contract, but he will not now fell the towle of ash, as it is an ornament to his house. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, *No.* 55.]

July 25.
Woolwich.

William Acworth to the same. Mr. Bolling having sent more timber than was included in their warrant, desiring a warrant for the excess, and their orders whether if more come he should receive it. [*Ibid.* *No.* 56.]

July 26.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. Requesting him to procure him some place at that port under the new Farmers of the Customs. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, *No.* 231.]

July 26.
Whitehall.

Warrant to pay to Col. John Russell, for the use of Sir Phil. Monckton, Bevill Skelton, and Herbert Jeffreys, Esqs., 400*l.* from fines to be paid upon conventicles in Yorkshire, by virtue of the privy seal dormant of 22nd Aug. last, for issue of 10,000*l.* according to the King's directions. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 110.]

July 26.
Whitehall.

The King to the President and Senior Fellows of Magdalen College, Oxford. Requiring them to elect and admit Charles Hawles, demy of the college, to the fellowship vacant by the decease of John Curle. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, *f.* 166.]

July 26.

Privy seal for 1,000*l.* to Thomas Robson as a free gift without account. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, *f.* 108.]

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Warrant appointing Lewis Herault to be a Prebendary of Canterbury in place of Dr. Casaubon, deceased. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

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Docquets of the last two documents. [*Docquets*, Vol. 25, No. 98.]July 26.
Port Mahon.

Richard Gibson to the Navy Commissioners. When the Admiral went last out of port on 26 June with the *Mary*, *Newcastle*, and *Advice*, he took off the rewards for some of the carpenters on the *Golden Hand*; but, since he hears of the caulkers' wages, he desires their being restored to them again, and has ordered my impresting to the said caulkers 6s. Spanish monthly to refresh themselves. The *Milford* was lost on Friday the 7th by the negligence of the quarteers airing the breadroom when all the powder was on board. They acknowledge the mates ordered them to do it, to whom the captain spoke about clearing the breadroom, and airing it if needed, which they took as an order. The quarteers confess that there was no smoke there when they began, that they lighted the coals in the breadroom with bellows when the kettle hung in a chain, that in half-an-hour smoke forced them up, that they had not taken away the kettle an hour before the fire broke out past cure, in which time one of them and a quarter gunner went down and found a great smoke, but could feel no fire, that they had a candle lighted in a candlestick stuck against the mizen mast in the breadroom, which they brought away with the kettle. The court martial on the 15th found the quarteers only culpable, and ordered to each of them three lashes at a boat's mast by the side of each ship riding outside the harbour's mouth. The court imputed the rosining and not tinning the breadroom to be the cause of this disaster, and acquitted the captain and every one else but the quarteers. Little will be saved, as the fire broke out past stopping before it was espied by the captain, who was on board with all the officers. The cables were cut and she was run aground before the wind, so that she was presently in a light fire and drove all out of the ship. Nothing that was in her could be saved; three guns were blown ashore and will be fit for use, the rest fell into the water and are lost. Since then the Governor of the island came here, being to depart on complaint of some of the natives of his partiality in his government. This being fomented by his enemies, of whom the Governor of the Castle is the chief, and no good friend of ours, but, as the natives say, a Frenchman in his heart, has had a further reflection on the other's kindness to us, who (I believe wanting an open hand as formerly) seems to place the cause of his disgrace to giving us leave to build, saying it is represented to the Court as a fortification, when in truth there is no building in the world less like one than this. This the Admiral has once in person, and twice by letter, defended, and is gone and left the Governor to do what he pleases, seeing that several offers he made were refused. This refusal, the Admiral concluded, might arise from a private order from the Council at Madrid to make us weary of the port, on which account he thought it not fit to give way to pulling down one stone. The Governor has since viewed the place, and was very importunate with me to gratify him by pulling down part of the wall. I answered I should unwillingly do it, had our Admiral commanded it, knowing the prejudice his Majesty's provisions would thereby sustain, much more to make it a voluntary act, which would be interpreted as a confession of guilt,

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whereas it ought rather to stand as a monument of the ignorance of the accusers. The use of the port was really denied us, if we could not have conveniences for our stores. What had been hitherto built was with his privy and allowance, besides his approval of what was done last April. They had more benefit of the war than we had. I knew well, if he had an order from the Court of Spain (which I doubted), there was no withstanding the same; if otherwise, it would be of ill consequence to the doer, as being liable to be interpreted an act of hostility, every English merchant having greater privileges in any other Spanish port than his Majesty can find here; *to have a coopers' yard full of rotten staves*, interpreted *a fortification*, which words he disliked, and prayed my naming it no more, but call it a magazine, which I denied to be a proper name for it, but called it a yard. On which, seeing little to be got, he said he would be wiser next, and have a care of what he granted, by which, and the natives' general speeches in our favour, saying they shall be undone if we leave the place, and if the Governor be the cause he shall never go alive out of the island, we are passed the fear the Admiral left me in of being forced from the port, and only the hopes of endearing himself to us by letting it stand, with the expectation of some gratification for the same, first moved him to fright us. Since my last from Alicante, many sick men have been put ashore, to the swelling the charge of a chirurgion, medicines, &c., to above 500 pieces of eight, which could not be avoided, by reason of the wounded. Since then I have refused to meddle with any man beyond fresh diet when the ships are in harbour. Our fleet is sickly, having 120 in hospital, but yet is full manned, and was so before the loss of the *Milford*, whose complement are dispersed and victualled as supernumeraries. I have got two able coopers out of the *Milford*, so those written for need not be sent. I have sent by Captain Shelley an account of the provisions issued till to-day, with the indents for Sir D. Gauden, and copies of the certificates for the provisions received by me since my coming here. My next indents shall run in his Majesty's name. The bread out of the *Golden Hand* proves bad, but that out of the storehouse as good as could be desired, but has lost in drying at least 4 per cent. I send home by the captain a corrected poll list of the *Milford*. The slop clothes are all gone, and would have been had they been as many more. [3 pages. Original and Duplicate. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, Nos. 57, 58.]

July 27. Richard Watts to Williamson. This morning his Royal Highness, Deal. in the new yacht the *Catherine*, came into the Downs, but stayed not. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 232.]

July 27. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Last evening passed by the Truro. Lizard upwards of 20 ships, supposed to be the Straits fleet homeward bound. We have a very plentiful season of pilchards, and great quantities are taken every day all along the coast. [*Ibid.* No. 233.]

July 27. John Man to Williamson. Vessels arriving from several parts of Swansea. France and Brittany give an account of the daily preparations of

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new men-of-war, especially at Brest. One now on the stocks is to be 16 feet longer than the *Royal Sun*, which is now called the *King*, and the *Royal Duke* is called the *Queen*, new names having lately been given to all the great ships by the King's order. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 234.]

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News-letter to John Davies at the Excise Office at Hertford. His Majesty intends to continue at Whitehall at least one month, unless he spends a day or two in hunting at Hampton Court or Windsor. In next September he intends to spend some days at Newmarket, whence he may go to see Norwich, Yarmouth, &c. Mr. Montague, who has been in England since the French King left Paris, is now preparing for his return, and may start as soon as the yachts that attended his Majesty to the West are ready to transport him. The States are so severe against the French manufactures that they are not content with the bare minding of them by letters to execute their orders for prohibiting them, but have commanded strict search to be made for them, and that report be sent them whether due obedience was given to their orders. Letters from Cologne say the Duke de Crequi had sent to the Princes of the Rhine desiring a free passage for his armies, but they have deferred giving him an answer. Dorosensko, the Cossack general, has written to the Polish general that he will return to his duty on certain conditions, the most important being that the Cossacks shall in future enjoy the same privileges and immunities as those that live under the Muscovites. A tumult at Dublin was caused about paying a tax for building a bridge, which some refusing, a rabble got together and were not dispersed till some of the Guards spent a little shot among them, which killed two and wounded others, on which the rout dispersed. To-day the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland treated the King and Queen, &c., at his house at Twickenham. Next Monday his Majesty goes towards Bagshot for hunting. [$3\frac{1}{2}$ pages. *Ibid.* No. 235.]

July 27.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Acknowledging a letter and enclosures. The *Rupert* and *Diamond* are at Spithead, the rest are gone for the Downs with all the yachts and his Royal Highness. Mr. Wren landed here yesterday, and took his own coach for London. [*Ibid.* No. 236.]

July 27.

Warrant to Sir Robert Long, Bart., Receiver-general of the revenue late in jointure to the Queen Mother deceased, to pay 1.200*l.* to Abbot Montague, her almoner, in recompense for the plate and ornaments of her chapel, to be paid before anything else out of the said revenue. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 108.]

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Whitehall.

Warrant for naturalization of the ship *Golden Lion*, built at Konigsberg, by merchants of the Eastland Company, to transport goods thence to London; but unserviceable for that trade, because the bar of that river being of late much increased, the ship draws too much water for that trade. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 36, p. 27.]

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July 27. Col. T. Middleton and Sir Jeremy Smith to Lord Brouncker,
Navy Office. Samuel Pepys, and J. Tippetts, at Oxford. We wish we could give you as much satisfaction in the affairs of the office since your departure as we doubt not receiving from you about the Forest of Dean. But such has been the continuance of the want of money and credit, and also of stores in the yards, especially Woolwich, where there is not above one bundle of hemp to employ the men, that we cannot prevail for one bundle of hemp from the merchants as yet, and it was but yesterday we were informed by the Treasurers of money being ready to pay off the *Sweepstakes*, which we intend to do Saturday. Fresh differences have arisen between the Commissioner and the shipwright at Chatham about Esquire Amherst's timber. We have deferred the examination thereof till your return. The King arrived at Whitehall on Tuesday, and the Duke is expected this evening. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 59.*]

July 27. Captain John Tinker, Jonas Shish, and J. Uthwat to the Navy
Deptford. Commissioners. Estimating the tonnage of the stores sent to Port Mahon by the *Summer Island* at 145 tons. [*Ibid. No. 60.*]

July 27. Sir N. Armorer to Williamson. I have received but one scrap
Dublin. of paper from you since being in this land of promise. I refer you for the whole history of this country to the bearer, Ensign Chetwynd, whom I have sent over to the Duke of Ormonde for the speedy repairs of Duncannon Fort. I have written to Lord Arlington, and hope you will bring my ensign to wait upon him. He is to pay you the 55 guineas you sent me. Look on the alarms from here as you list at Whitehall, they look very untowardly here. What all will come to; an army 15 months in arrear, the Treasury locked up, and a mutinous city, a country in apprehensions for their Act of Settlement? What shall we say unto these things? The Count Thomond is here, but never to be reconciled to his good son. He has drunk profoundly since his coming, and talks at the ordinary rate. I desire your favour with the Lieutenant of the Tower in an affair the bearer will acquaint you with. [3 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 160.*]

July 27. Order of the Estates of Jersey that certain ordinances of the King and Privy Council concerning the administration of justice in Jersey, dated 19 May, be *enterinés*; and at the same time, considering that there may be found in the said ordinances some articles that may be impracticable and derogatory to the laws, customs, and privileges of the island, the Estates appoint Elie Dumaresq, Seigneur des Augrès, M. Pipon de St. Pierre, M. Dumaresq, M. de la Cloche, and M. le Geyt, also the Ministers of St. Sauveur, St. Pierre, St. Jean, and St. Helier, the Constables of St. Martin, St. Brelade, St. Laurens, and La Trinité, and the Centenier Robin de St. Pierre, to consider (when one of the King's officers shall be asked to be present) what may be therein repugnant to the said customs and privileges, and to report thereon to the

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Estates, in order that deputies may be sent to his Majesty humbly to supplicate him for redress. [*French.*] *At foot,*

May 19.
Whitehall.

Order in Council varying in several particulars the propositions for the administration of justice in Jersey contained in the Order in Council of 29 April 1668, some of which were found by experience to be impracticable. [On parchment. Seal affixed. S.P. Channel Islands, Vol. 9, No. 5.]

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Sir R. Wiseman to Williamson. Desiring that the yearly bounty granted him by the King be exchanged for an assignment of 7,000*l.* on the hearth money, which he should be allowed to pay back by yearly payments, and besides the services of his father and himself, asking him to "consider the disadvantage and charges of being ten years a Parliament man, which employment does not only increase ordinary expenses, but puts a great charge upon all men in debt by necessitating them to make costly offerings for the atonement of privilege, the consideration of all which makes me seriously to determine that Parliament men of all ranks and conditions of men whatsoever as to their own affairs are in the worst and most disadvantageous condition. By reason of it I am not able to keep myself upright in my credit, but the very name of long and perpetual privilege is a chokepear to all my endeavours towards gaining that point." [*1½ page. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 237.*]

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Don Diego de Peñalossa Brizeño to the Duke of York. The circumstances of this paper, and the peril of my life, must excuse my boldness in troubling your Royal Highness. The suspicions of the Ambassador and Resident of Spain, confirmed by seeing me so long in London, without admitting the offers made me to go away, have increased with the victory of Panama to such a degree that they plan to kill me by all the means that tyranny discovers. They have endeavoured to engage two men with promises of money and other rewards; one of them with a priest warned me to be on my guard; the other told me he had been offered 50 guineas from the Conde de Molina to carry me on some pretext down the river to Gravesend. As a last resource they promised a gentleman 100*l.*, a colour in Flanders, and a passage with one Don Bernardo de Salinas, for killing me or stealing the papers showing my nobility and services. I therefore beseech your Highness to supplicate his Majesty, in order to secure my person from such dangers, to grant me one of the apartments that may be vacant at St. James', or wherever may be most convenient, that so my life may be devoted to the service of his Majesty and of your Royal Highness in execution of the proposals to which I refer myself. [*Spanish. 2 pages. Ibid. No. 238.*]

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The same to [Lord Arlington?]. I request through the assistance of my lady, the Countess, that your Excellency does me the favour of procuring that the memorial I presented to his Majesty's own hand about assistance to my necessities, be despatched. [*Spanish. Ibid. No. 239.*]

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John Crabb, late captain of the ship *Eagle*, and four other captains, to the King. Petition for a warrant for passing their promised par-

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dons of certain debts, varying from 926*l.* to 66*l.*, for prize goods, for which they were returned to the Court of Exchequer by the Commissioners of Brooke House, and which they are unable to satisfy, but they have paid the fourth part to the informers. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 240.] *Annexed,*

Draft warrant for a discharge to the petitioners of the sums specified, owing by them for prize goods. [*Ibid.* No. 240*i.*]

[July ?] Similar petition by Sir Roger Cuttans, late captain of the *Prince Royal*, and others, with similar draft warrant. [*Ibid.* Nos. 241, 241*i.*]

July 28. Warrant for remission of sums due to the Crown for prizes and prize goods, viz., 950*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* from Sir Roger Cuttance, captain of the *Prince Royal*; 552*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* from James Ward, lieut. of the same; 282*l.* 10*s.* from Francis Wiltshire, late captain of the *Antelope*; and 422*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* from James Pearse, Surgeon-General of the Navy, they being unable to satisfy the same, in consideration of their former services. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 111.]

Docquet thereof, dated August. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 106.]

July 28. Like warrant for remission of 926*l.* 8*s.* to John Crabb, late captain of the *Eagle*, 109*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* to William Peach, late captain of the *Truelove*; 113*l.* 10*s.* to George Watson, captain of the *Mermaid*; 113*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* to Thomas Legate, of the *Fountain*; and 66*l.* to John King, captain of the *Diamond*. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 111.]

[July ?] Warrant to the Lords Justices of Ireland to pay to Capt. George Wharton, treasurer of the English Ordnance Office, 2,576*l.* part of 6,076*l.* due to that office for arms and stores supplied to Ireland, notwithstanding the late stop of payments there. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 35A, f. 25.]

July 28. Two commissions for ——— Lee to be lieutenant, and Charles Peters ensign, of Capt. Widdrington's company of the Admiral's regiment at Portsmouth. [*Ibid.*]

July 28. Warrant for a letter under the Great Seal of Scotland, appointing Whitehall. Sir James Lockhart of Lee, Lord Justice Clerk, in place of Sir John Hoome of Renton, deceased. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 1, p. 245.]

July 28. Warrant for a grant to the said Sir James Lockhart of a pension Whitehall. of 400*l.* sterling *per annum*. [*Ibid.* p. 246.]

July 28. Memorial of a protection in the ordinary form to George Hoome Whitehall. of Wedderburn. [*Ibid.* p. 248.]

July 28. Warrant for a gift to Charles Maitland of Halton of the escheat Whitehall. of all goods, debts, &c., pertaining to the deceased Lieutenant-Colonel George Lauder, when denounced his Majesty's rebel and put to the horn in December 1665, or acquired by him since, and also of the rents of all lands pertaining to him accrued since then, and of all heritable bonds and securities fallen to his Majesty. [*Docquet. Ibid.* p. 249.]

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July 28. Warrant for a patent creating Sir George Bennett, now residing
Whitehall. in the dominions of the King of Poland, a baronet. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 250.*]

July 28. Warrant for a charter to Colonel William Borthwick and
Whitehall. Elizabeth Maxwell his spouse, and the heirs of their bodies, the half of the lands and barony of Dechmout pertaining to the said Elizabeth as the eldest co-parcener of her father, with a *novodamus*, and changing the same from simple-ward to taxt-ward. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 251.*]

July 28. Warrant in favour of John Cunningham of Enterkin, and his heirs
Whitehall. male, and of talzie, for a confirmation of former charters of the twelve pound land of Privick, and five pound land of Laiglen, and the acres formerly pertaining to John Chalmers in Enterkinholm and the mains of Torbolton, and half the lands of Drumlie, all in Ayrshire, the lands of Privick to be holden for the yearly payment of a pair of gloves, with a *novodamus*, and an union of Privick, Enterkinholm, Drumlie, and Torbolton, holden of his Majesty as Prince, into a barony to be called the barony of Privick, and Laiglen, holden of him as King, into a tenendry, and erecting the mains of Torbolton and part of the town of Torbolton into a burgh of barony to be called the burgh of barony of Torbolton. [*Docquet. Ibid. p. 252.*]

July 29. Establishment of 10s. *per diem* for the Lieutenant-Governor of Windsor Castle, to begin from 29 July. Sign-Manual. Counter-signed, Arlington, Ashley, T. Clifford. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 242.*]

July 29. Thomas Holden to Williamson. A ship from Rochelle says a
Falmouth. French man-of-war brought in there a Sallee man-of-war of eight guns. A vessel from Brest says that on the 12th there sailed thence for Rochelle the *Royal Sun*, the *Royal Prince*, and the *Royal Duke*, and that their whole fleet is 104 sail, the least of 48 of them carrying 50 guns, the rest from 50 to 20. They say the King will be speedily at Rochelle. [*Ibid. No. 243.*]

July 29. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. To the same effect as the last.
Falmouth. [*Ibid. No. 244.*]

July 29. News-letter to Sir Edward Poole at Kemble, Cirencester. [The first part is identical with previous news-letters.] The Dutch being on the prohibition of all French wines, the Princes of the Rhine are considering the planting of vineyards to supply the want of French wines, and to take off so much duty as may bring the Rhenish to as easy a rate as the French are now. The *Mary* of the French East India Company arrived at Port Louis on the 22nd, and two others are expected from Surat. The French King being satisfied in the matter of quarrel between Prince Lobkowitz and M. Gremonville, has ordered that the Conde de Molina may come into France as Ambassador from the Catholic King, and that M. de Villers shall proceed in his embassy to Spain. Maréchal de Crequi has signified that the cause of plundering the places about Bitsch was their refusing to pay contributions as others of the Duke of Lorraine's subjects

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had done, and that many of them had taken refuge in Bitsch. The King is going that way himself with an army, the design not known. For his better supply of money he has caused all payments to officers of justice and governors of provinces to stop, and his buildings to cease. 'Tis advised from Brussels that ten new regiments of foot are to be raised, half Walloons and half Germans, of 1,000 each, for which the Baron de Royne is gone to the Princes of Lünenburg and the Bishop of Münster. His Royal Highness having chosen to come by sea from Dartmouth, the winds not favouring, could not make the Downs till the 27th, and arrived here yesterday. [3¼ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No 245.]

- July 29. Portsmouth. Walter Slingsby to John (*sic*) Pepys, Clerk of the Acts. Desiring an additional allowance for paper, being now obliged to make their books and returns weekly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 61.]
- July 29. Chatham Dock. Captain William Rand to the Navy Commissioners. Repeating his request for leave to go to Deal on business. [*Ibid.* No. 62.]
- July 29. ——— Russell to [the same]. Desiring a warrant to Deptford for the receipt of certain masts, spars, and deals. [*Ibid.* No. 63.]
- July 30. Deal. Richard Watts to Williamson. Shipping news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 246.]
- July 30. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Shipping news. The commander of the *Experience* reports that Sir Edward Spragg is in great esteem all the Straits over for the last unparalleled enterprise on the Algerines; that about five weeks ago he was aboard Sir Edward, who was then with all his fleet in good condition. [*Ibid.* No. 247.]
- July 30. Plymouth. Philip Lanyon to James Hicke. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 248.]
- July 30. Portsmouth. Captain John Moore to the Navy Commissioners. Stating that he had provided some oars for the *Rupert*, and asking a fortnight's leave to go into Kent on business. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 64.]
- July 30. The *Diamond*, at Spithead. Captain John Holmes to the same. Requesting materials from Portsmouth Yard to take with him for graving or tallowing the ship at Cadiz or elsewhere, as he fears she will be foul on arriving at her station, and also some barge oars, and as the victualler has not yet given any order for money to complete their beer, desiring that speedy directions about it may be sent. [*Ibid.* No. 65.]
- July 30. The *Rupert* at Spithead. Captain John Hart to the same. Captain Moore has ordered us the barge oars, but ship oars are wanted. 240 men have been entered on board, and some come daily. All our provisions are on board except the pease. [*Ibid.* No. 66.]
- July 31. Truro. Hugh Acland to James Hicke. No news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 291, No. 249.]
- July 31. Hull. Charles Whittington to Williamson. Hoping that he has had an opportunity to do him the kindness requested in his former letter. [*Ibid.* No. 250.]

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Hull.

The same to the same. Since my last I have been to Scarborough and elsewhere on the coast and in the country, and never knew the commonalty more contented than at present, most of their commodities selling at a reasonable good rate, for we have not had more trade than now in this port these ten years; however, we are not without those people who as much as ever complain of the deadness of trade. Shipping news. We are here in great hopes of a very good harvest of rapeseed, which is a very considerable trade in this port. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 251.*]

July 31.
Lyme.

Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. On the 29th the *Mary* and *Samuel* arrived here from Morlaix and Croisic. A week before the former came from Morlaix the Duke de Chaulnes, Governor of Brittany, came there, and was received by the chiefs of the town with great ceremony, and magnificently treated, and also had a considerable present from them at parting. From Croisic they heard that the King was suddenly expected at Rochelle and those ports to view his lately built ships. They observed more Dutch merchant ships on trade than all this summer before, and they speak there of a good understanding like to be between them and Holland. Yesterday arrived the *Windsor* and *Little Rose* from St. Malo, who say the merchants there, now setting out their ships for Cadiz and those Spanish ports, are a little startled at the news of Panama, fearing their voyages may not prove so good, adding that St. Domingo has had the like fate and two or three galleons. [*Ibid. No. 252.*]

[July ?]

Thos. Pierce, D.D., President of Magdalen College, Oxford, to the King. Petition for a dispensation for non-residence at his prebend at Canterbury on account of ill health, it being 100 miles distant from his usual place of employment. [*Ibid. No. 253.*]

July 31.

The King to the Dean and Chapter of [Canterbury]. Granting a dispensation for non-residence to Dr. Thos. Pierce, President of Magdalen College, Oxford, and prebendary of that church, it lying distant from the place of his chief employments and concern, and he less able to undergo removals from his late great indisposition of body. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 15.*]

July 31.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a grant to Rob. Humfryes and Thos. Vincent, of the Inner Temple, London, of the office of prothonotary and clerk in cos. Carnarvon, Anglesea, and Merioneth, North Wales, void by death of Hen. Wynne. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 28.*]

July.
Gray's Inn.

Thos. Aylmer to Williamson. Requesting him, if the Marchioness of Worcester inquires if he has frequently waited on him about her money business which she is to receive of the King, to own his attendance and mindfulness therein. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 291, No. 254.*]

July.

Grant to John Ball of the office of Surveyor of the Works at Windsor Castle. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 91.*]

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Commission for constituting Robert, Earl of Manchester, and Edward Earl of Sandwich, Lieutenants of Huntingdonshire. [*Ibid, No. 92.*]

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July. Presentation of Robt. Mapletoft, D.D., Dean of Ely, to the rectory of Gedney, co. Lincoln, void by the promotion of Dr. Crew to the bishopric of Oxford. [*Docquets*, Vol. 25, No. 93.]
- July. Warrant to the Master of the Wardrobe for the allowance of several parcels to Thos. Cooke, groom of the Privy Chamber, in the place of James Progers, deceased. [*Ibid.* No. 94.]
- July. Regrant to Arthur Spry of the toll on tin in several places in Cornwall for 31 years from last Michaelmas, at the rent of 35*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* [*Ibid.* No. 95.]
- July. Grant to Sir. Thos. Chicheley of the offices of Master of the Ordnance, Keeper of the Armory in the galleries at Greenwich and Master of the Arms and Armory in the Tower and elsewhere in England. [*Ibid.*]
- July. Extension of the grants to Dame Barbara Villiers of 2*d.* for every pound troy of silver coined in the Mint, and an annuity of 500*l.* from 21 to 31 years. [*Ibid.* No. 96.]
- July. Restitution to Dr. Nathaniel Crew of the temporalities of the bishopric of Oxford. [*Ibid.* No. 97.]
- July. Licence to Sir Rich. Stydolfe, Bart., to continue building at the back of St. Giles' Church in the way to Pickadilly, also a pardon of all forfeitures incurred by reason of the premises. [*Ibid.* No. 98.]
- July. Restitution of the temporalities of the bishopric of Lichfield and Coventry to Dr. Thos. Wood. [*Ibid.* No. 99.]
- July. Demise to Charles, Lord St. John, Sir R. Howard, Sir John Bennet, Sir Wm. Bucknall, Sir Wm. Doyley, John Bence, Wm. Robarts, Ralph Bucknall, John Mann, and George Blake, in consideration of 140,000*l.* advanced, of all customs, additional duties in the Act of tonnage and poundage, and all other duties on exports and imports, excepting the duties of excise and coinage and the duties on certain specified articles, for 5 years from Michaelmas next, paying a yearly rent of 480,000*l.*, to be paid in twelve equal portions on the last day of each month, and also paying every New Year's Day 10,000*l.* to his Majesty's Privy Purse. [*Ibid.* No. 100.]
- July. Some proposals for the making of all masts and yards for his Majesty's ships, from the third-rate downwards, by their lengths and bigness by the inch, stating several conveniences in the plan proposed. [*S.P. Dom.*, Car. II. 299, No. 67.]
- July. Richard Dowson, joiner at Deptford and Woolwich, to the Duke of York. Petition, praying that order be given for payment of 600*l.* due to him for near five years on eighteen bills signed by the Navy Commissioners for work done in the said yards. [*Ibid.* No. 68.]
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[July ?] John Maugridge to the Duke of York. Petition praying that his pay may be settled and paid him, he having served as kettle-drummer to his Highness on the *Royal Prince* during the last engagement with the Dutch, and the Navy Commissioners, when

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she was paid off, allowing the petitioner but 23s. a month. Noted that it was resolved by the Duke that the kettle-drummers should have the same pay as the trumpeters. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 69.]

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Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson, of ships in the Downs, the wind, &c. :—

Vol. 291. No.	Date.	King's.	Outward.	Inward.	Wind.	REMARKS.
255	July 1	2	3	0	S.W.	In the morning, the wind being N.E., some of the ships sailed, but it turning contrary, we expect them back again.
256	" 5	2	2	1	S.W.	
257	" 7	3	8	2	S.W.	
258	" 9	1	1	2	N.E.	
259	" 10	1	4	2	S.W.	His Royal Highness was in the <i>Cleveland</i> , and the rest of the yachts in his company; the men of war came in after them, but they are all gone through but the <i>Reserve</i> .
260	" 18	1	4	2	N.	
261	" 19	1	1	2	N.	
262	" 20	1	1	2	N.E.	
263	" 21	1	1	2	N.E.	
264	" 22	1	0	2	N.E.	
265	" 23	1	0	2	N.E.	
266	" 24	1	0	2	N.W.	
267	" 27	9 yachts, 5 men of war.	3	0	S.W.	
268	" 27	1	1	0	N.	
269	" 30	1	1	4	S.W.	
270	" 31	1	1	1	S.W.	About fifteen Dutchmen for the Straits are in the Downs.

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News-letter to Gilbert Staplehill, Dartmouth. [The first part is identical with previous news-letters.] The Dutch here say their Ambassador represented the condition of Cologne, and that the States had declared for their assistance, as being a place where their trade was so particularly concerned, that they must suffer with it, and recommended to his Majesty's consideration of what concern it might be even to England if it falls into the hands of the French and Bishop. The Emperor has declared himself very well satisfied that the States have sent assistance to Cologne, and they are giving further orders for supplying them with all necessaries for a siege, though some of the provinces have not yet consented, for fear of its stopping the corn coming down the Rhine. The French agent in Spain having by his master's orders complained to the Queen that *Sieur Gremonville*, the French Resident at Vienna, was at a public comedy affronted by *Prince Lobkowitz* and put out of his seat, and that that injury was offered him at the instigation of the Spanish Ambassador, and therefore his master required satisfaction; the Queen, by letter to the French King, disowned any knowledge of the affront their Ambassador should offer to the French Resident, and offered in such case to give

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what satisfaction could be desired; but before this came to the French King, he, on further consideration, judging it to be only a private wrangle, did not account the character of Ambassador concerned. The noise of a war in Poland is again very hot; Dorosensko has sent 12,000 janissaries to besiege Cameneck, on which the King is going to Lemberg to raise the gentry. The Sieur Stoupe is to raise 6,000 men in Switzerland for the French King at six crowns a head. Colonel Bampffield, by orders from the States, returned on the 4th (N.S.) to Cologne, which he expected would be besieged in a very short time. The Marquess de Senelay (Seignelay) is lately come from France to spend a short time in England. To-day the King went to Windsor to hunt to-morrow. A bark arriving at Genoa in thirteen days from Tunis said that a French fleet of eight sail lay before that place, and had attempted to burn their ships, but, the fire ships taking no effect, they had a very slight opinion of them, and would not hearken to an accommodation. The two Algerines which had fought six Malta galleys were in Tunis repairing. [3½ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 1.]

Aug. 1. James Hickes to Williamson. Recommending to him Mr. Gibbs as a clerk, and thanking him for the honour he did them by his company yesterday, and saying that he had sent to Whitehall the ink-horn he had left behind him at the subscription of the target. [*Ibid.* No. 2.]

Aug. 1. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing
Portsmouth. of news. [*Ibid.* No. 3.]

Aug. 1. W. Hurt to Williamson. Apologizing for the mean entertainment
Dartmouth. given him, and thanking him for having him in his thoughts concerning the other business. [*Ibid.* No. 4.]

Aug. 1. Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. About the uncertainty of
Lyme. the post there, and shipping news. [*Ibid.* No. 5.]

Aug. 1. Grant of pardon to Thomas Blood, the father, of all treasons, murders, felonies, &c., committed by him alone, or together with others, from 29 May 1660. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 110.]

Aug. Docquet thereof. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 101.]

Aug. 1. Warrant for a privy seal empowering Edward Halsall to recover a recognizance of 200*l.*, whereby Thomas Godfrey, of Bucknell, Kent, was bound to keep the peace, and two others of 100*l.* each from Sir Peter Heyman and ——— Thornhill, his sureties, forfeited by his assaulting and wounding a saddler at Ashford. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 110.]

Aug. Docquet of the said grant. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 109.]

Aug. 1. Lord St. John to the Navy Commissioners. Captain Edmond Greene and John Wharton have made great complaints to me of great waste committed by the King's carpenters in the New Forest

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whose information I desire you will take, and report thereon to his Royal Highness. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 70.*]

Aug. 1. Jonas Shish to the same. Informing them that the three ships now in dock will be ready to be launched next spring, enclosing a statement and estimate of the repairs required on the *Guernsey* and *Sweepstakes* and the hulk, and asking which of them is to be repaired next. [3 pages. *Ibid. No. 71.*]

Aug. 1. Jonas Shish to Wm. Acworth. Requesting him to furnish the *Frances* and *Fountain* fireships with shavings and rosin. *At foot, Warrant, dated the 3rd, from Lord Brouncker and Sir Jeremy Smith to supply the same, the stores at Deptford not being in condition to furnish them.* [*Ibid. No. 72.*]

Aug. 1. Captain Roger Strickland to Sir Jeremy Smith. Desiring that *The Kent, in the Hope.* a hand-pump, of the dimensions enclosed, be sent down from Deptford or Woolwich, one of their pumps being broken. *Postscript*—I have taken some partridge with your bitch, and will soon send you some, of which there is great store here. [*Ibid. No. 73.*]

Aug. 1. Commission to Prince Rupert and others in pursuance of and following the terms of the warrant to the Attorney-General of 2 July. Attested copy, dated 26 Feb. 1671-2, signed by all the Commissioners except Lord Ashley. [$2\frac{1}{2}$ pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 161.*]

[Aug. ?] Alterations and additions to the new Commission. Three clauses empowering the Commissioners to appoint inferior officers, and to expend not exceeding 6,000*l.* for the purposes of the Commission; to administer oaths; and requiring the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Chancellors or Lord Keepers and Chancellors of the Exchequer in England and Ireland to issue proclamations and commissions for executing the premises. [*Draft. Ibid. No. 162.*]

[Aug. 1.] Another copy of the clause in the Commission forbidding new grants. [*Ibid. No. 163.*]

Aug. 1. Sir G. Rawdon to Viscount Conway. I take horse to-day for *Dublin.* Lisburn, though three or four suits between my daughter, Anne Hill, and her perverse ungrateful brother[-in-law] may occasion my coming up suddenly. I hope the boys have improved their time at Kilkenny, and desire your advice where to place them at either University. The work at Portmore is now window high; 30*l.* a week scarce pays the bricklayers and labourers about the building. Business matters. [*Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 164.*]

Aug. 1. Dr. Lancelot Bolton to Viscount Conway. I received the enclosed *Dublin.* to-day from Lord Orrery, to whom I gave an account of my proceedings. I dined to-day with Lord Justice Forbes, who desires pardon that your patent is delayed till the Lord Lieutenant's answer, saying that they had sense about them not to run into rebellion to deny the King's letters patent. He told me if they had not the Lord

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Lieutenant's answer suddenly, they would give an order to remove W. Hill. [Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 165.]
Enclosed,

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Charleville.

The Earl of Orrery to [Viscount Conway]. I am extreme sorry to have missed you at Marlborough, but much more that your mother's death was the cause. Dr. Bolton, to my wonder, writes that notwithstanding your letters patent, and the King's order revoking all former grants of Charlemont, the Lords Justices scruple to put you into possession till they hear from the Lord Lieutenant. I heard of the Lord Lieutenant's and Lord Windsor's quarrel, but not so particularly as from you. I think his Excellency meant me the kindness of giving Lord Windsor my regiment, and possibly had done it, but that on application to the King, he positively ordered me to keep it. This is not the only good courtesy he would have done me, had I not taken the confidence to hinder him. Since my coming over last he denied the Lord Chancellor to make my son Henry captain-lieutenant to my own troop, but said he had done all things to gain my esteem, but failed of it, and therefore desired to be excused, and gave it to a lieutenant of foot, Maurice Berkeley, on which I complained to the King, who has ordered my son the employment. Whatever he does that is fit, I obey; whatever that is not, I complain to my master, who does me right and favour. The agreement you mention between TT, DD, and AA, is like to last as long as humorous people are likely to agree. Ned Seymour landed here the beginning of the month, and intends to return about the middle of August. Pray remember your promise of a visit here next spring. Every one in this family is your most humble servant, from those that lie in quilts to those that lie on pease straw. In all other counties as well as Warwick, the land tax in masquerade falls so exceedingly short of expectation that I hear there have been discourses of assembling again ere April, if it could legally be. I have been these three weeks visiting and settling the garrisons in this province. In Limerick and Cork, since my absence, the priests have not only presumed to set up Mass houses, but convents also, but I have presumed to rout them, and I will suffer neither Masses nor other unlawful assemblies in any of the garrisons in Munster. [3 pages. Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 165I.]

Aug. 2.
Gloucester.

Henry Fowler, Mayor, to Williamson. I understand from Mr. Justice Morton he has communicated to you my late letters to him concerning the state of this city. You may thereby plainly perceive the necessity there is of his Majesty's making some alterations in its government by reason of the inequality of the present charter. It is impossible the inhabitants can supply the number it requires, as almost all the wealthier citizens are those that were ejected for their disloyalty and rebellion by the Commissioners for regulating Corporations. If it shall stand as at present, there will be an unin-

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terrurpted succession of froward and perverse people, for we must yearly call into the Common Council men of mean degree and factious principles. We cannot imagine any better expedient than that proposed to Judge Morton, and humbly offer it as the most probable way to stop the growth of that party that has already so planted and rooted itself that none can oppose them but the prerogative power. I wish that, as by his Majesty's special mandate I was made Mayor, something might be done in my time, which terminates on the Monday after Michaelmas Day; or, if that be too short, that his Majesty would by his royal mandate re-appoint me for another year, as was first offered by Judge Morton. I will accept of it, though there is neither pleasure or profit in it, but I covet to serve the King as zealously as any that lives. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 6.]

Aug. 2. Robert Mayors to [the Navy Commissioners]. Desiring a warrant to Deptford and Woolwich to receive 35 loads of timber. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 74.]

Aug. 3. News-letter to Geoffrey Daniell, Marlborough. [The first part is identical with previous news-letters.] Two envoys are lately arrived from Hamburg, named Vincent Germers and Francis Matfield. Whether they have any other business than to perfect what their deputy has been upon, in adjusting the differences about the value of the goods lost by the English in their river during the Dutch war, or have somewhat further to offer in case their city be attacked, a short time will show. Mr. Henry Coventry is not yet gone, and haply may not till the arrival of Count Spar, Ambassador Extraordinary from Sweden, who is daily expected. The affairs of Muscovy (though indeed the affairs of no place are given with so much uncertainty) are not settled by the death of the rebel Stepan Radzin. His army still increases, and wants not other leaders in their rebellion. Nay, some write that though a poor wretch was put to a miserable death, it was not Radzin, but another. Dutch letters of the 7th (N.S.) say it was expected that week the States General would give their resolution for the prohibition of French wines, salt, and paper, viz: that the Dutch ships should not bring them, and that others bringing them should pay the value of their commodities, which in effect is an absolute prohibition, the only remaining difficulty being to find an expedient to satisfy the staple right of Dordrecht. M. Pompone, the French Ambassador, is at last departed for Denmark and Sweden to endeavour to draw them into a nearer league, and to take an occasion of it from the non-payment of their subsidies. To prevent this, the States General have given advice to the provinces to bring in their quota, that no further discontent be left concerning that matter. The troopers lately disbanded by the Bishop of Münster complain greatly that he takes away their horses. The Emperor, having promised protection to Cologne, has ordered ten regiments under General Souches to march towards Bohemia, to be in readiness to succour it in case they are besieged. The Imperial cities are about to conclude a league at Frankfort, for their better security. [3 $\frac{1}{4}$ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 7.]

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Aug. 3.
Swansea.

John Man to Williamson. A vessel from Brittany informs us that near Bordeaux and the neighbourhood many of the vines have been destroyed by excessive rain and hail, many of the hailstones being of the bigness of a walnut. At Rochelle and the neighbourhood much of the corn and vines have been spoiled by caterpillars, so that wine will be very scarce this vintage. A vessel from Waterford says there were 1,700 men raised in several parts of Ireland for the French King's service, and were to ship thence to Havre de Grace. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 8.*]

Aug. 3.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Rupert* and *Diamond* are still at Spithead, waiting for sailing orders. [*Ibid. No. 9.*]

[Aug. 3.]

Wm. Dale to Williamson. Not having found you to-day when I waited on you, I have left this. If you command me in this, send to me to Golden Hill, in Loughton parish, at the Countess of Castlehaven's house, and I shall be ready to do what my lord commands. Send in time, or he will be gone. [*Ibid. No. 10.*] *Enclosed,*

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*William Dale to Lord [Arlington]. Since Blood was in prison for the plot, some three days before came a gentleman to the house of Wm. Skinner, on Dabden Green in Loughton parish, whose maid said his name was Sunderfield, but he says his name is William Thompson, and I saw a letter to him by the name of Capt. William Povey. On Sunday night, 9 July, I met a gentleman, who I think was Ludlow, with his landlord going to his house, and on Monday he denied that to me, and said nobody was with him, and blushed as red as fire, for some three days before he told me he had been to see for a private place for a friend. The said Thompson writes to France and all parts at least 50 letters every week, and sends them to London by his maid, and told me the King of France had in all parts those that gave him intelligence, and that in a short time we should see a great change, for our King does not know what great danger he is in. I find him a dangerous and disaffected person, and a man of great design. He said that he came down from London muffled up, and that Blood should be stabbed and the rest, for they were false. [*Ibid. No. 10i.*]*

Aug. 3.
Port of Messina.

Francesco Maria Bolognetti, General of the Pope's galleys, to Sir William Jennens. (Two letters.)

Same date
and place.

Sir William Jennens to Fra. Maria Bolognetti.

Aug. 4.

Fra. Maria Bolognetti to Sir William Jennens. (All concerning two English soldiers on board the Pope's galleys, whose surrender was demanded by Sir William and refused by the Pope's commander.) [*Italian. Copies. 2 pages. Ibid. No. 11.*]

Aug. 3.

Order for a warrant to Sir Edw. Griffin to pay to Benj. Colinge, joint yeoman usher, with John Whynyard, of the House of Peers, 6s. a day in lieu of the bills which they both received from the Treasury of the Chamber, Whynyard having agreed that Colinge

1671. shall receive all the said sums, the said allowance to begin from Midsummer last, and the said bills to cease from the same date. [S.P. Dom., *Entry Book* 26, f. 111.]
- Aug. 3. The King to the President and Fellows of Magdalen College, Oxford. Whereas your Founder, besides forty fellowships, endowed three public lectureships in your college, which contrary to right and practice are at present swallowed up by three of the Fellows, and held by them in conjunction with their fellowships, and whereas Daniel Harford, one of your Fellows, and Reader of Natural Philosophy, was lately admitted B.D., with which degree such a lectureship was never enjoyed since the foundation of the college, and notwithstanding this and the admonition of the President and the majority of the thirteen Seniors, refuses to lay down the lectureship, we require and authorise you, on sight of these our letters, to admit Charles Hawles, M.A., Senior Demy of the college, to the said lectureship, and our further pleasure is that no Fellows in future shall hold the said Lectureships of Philosophy in conjunction with their fellowships till they take the degree of B.D., that room may be made for others that want and deserve it, to the greater increase of learning and encouragement of students. [S.P. Dom., *Entry Book* 27, f. 167.]
- [Aug. ?] George Turfry and others, merchants, and Matthew Norwood, mariner, to the King. Petition setting forth that they sent the *Mary*, commanded by Norwood and sailed by Englishmen, to fish for whales in the West Ice, in the latitude of $78\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, where never any English fished before, but where the Dutch usually employ 200 ships; that at Hamburg six of their men ran away, which forced the master to take in five Dutch mariners and eight harpeneers and steersmen; and that the ship, after a successful voyage, returned to London with ten whales in blubber and bone, which the petitioners are hindered from landing by the Farmers of the Customs, unless they pay strangers' duties, because the Dutch mariners exceeded the number of one-fourth part of the men, though eight of them were not mariners, but harpeneers and steersmen, and praying to be allowed to pay only English duty. [S.P. Dom., *Car. II.* 292, No. 12.]
- Aug. 4. Order in Council referring the said petition to the Farmers of the Customs. *On back,*
- Aug. 10. *Report by the Farmers that in their opinion the alien duty is due by law, and suggesting that if the petitioners are of a contrary opinion they may have the question decided by a trial in the Exchequer. [Ibid. No. 13.]*
- Aug. 4. Sir Charles Stanley to Williamson. Requesting him to procure the King's signature to a new warrant enclosed, identical with one formerly granted, except that the names were changed. [Ibid. No. 14.]
- Aug. 4. Richard Watts to Williamson. Shipping news. [Ibid. No. 15.]
Deal.
- Aug. 4. Philip Lanyon to James Hicks. The *Virginia* from Barbadoes reports the sickness is very much assuaged there. [Ibid. No. 16.]
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Aug. 4.
Whitehall.

Warrant for naturalization of the *Flying Hound* of London, a foreign-built ship of English model, on which the owners have made great disbursements. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 26.*]

Aug. 4.

Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. Giving the names of the shipwrights entered by his order, with the dates of their entries and the time cut off each by Commissioner Cox's order, and also giving the names of 59 shipwrights discharged by the Commissioner since the last general warrant for entering 150. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 75.*]

Aug. 4.
The *Foresight*,
at the Nore.

Captain John Hayward to the same. Informing them that there are but eight days' provisions on board, and desiring a supply. [*Ibid. No. 76.*]

Aug. 4.
Whitehall.

Jonas Shish to the same. Stating that the rosin demanded for the fireships is only for the paying of the fireworks; the decks, sides, and powder troughs having been already paid with rosin. Noted that the gunners have been directed by the Board to attend the officers of the Ordnance for rosin for this use. [*Ibid. No. 77.*]

Aug. 4.

The King to the Lords Justices of Ireland. Directing a grant to Sir Edward Sutton in fee-simple of the town and lands of Scullogstown, and all other the lands of Maurice Fitzgerald, in County Kildare, now in the King's hands or at his disposal, by the attainder of the said Fitzgerald for high treason, or otherwise, at the rents and services due to the Crown in October 1641, or at any time since. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ page. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 166.*]

Aug. 4.

John Gibbs to Williamson. Offering his services as a clerk, and referring him to Lord Sandwich for a character. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 17.*]

Aug. 5.

News-letter to William Scawen, Molenack, Plymouth. [The first part is identical with previous news-letters.] The 3rd, his Majesty returned from Windsor, where he treated the Marquess de Segnelay, and gave him the divertisement of hunting. The French have sent to Stockholm to introduce a trade for their wines, salt, and paper, but such a trade is judged prejudicial there, unless they take Swedish commodities in exchange. The new French levies are to be 20,000 foot and 10,000 horse, besides foreign levies. The farmers in France have advanced three millions, and those of the Customs have promised two millions more. 'Tis said that M. Gremonville shall receive a new commission as Ambassador, for which he is taking greater lodgings and more servants. They write from Flanders that the French soldiers run away by 40 and 50 at a time, complaining of much work and little pay, and therefore the Dauphin's regiment is marched there. Both the French and Spaniards are very diligent in making up their fortifications. Maréchal de Crequi has drawn a great artillery about him, and furnished himself with the great guns of Metz, so it is not doubted but he has some great design on hand. His troops are now all recruited with 15 new men, so that each will consist of 65. On the 25th nine French galleys went to Leghorn, who had been no further than Porto Ferraro, and were then returning to Marseilles. Sir

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William Kile, who was committed for carrying a challenge from Lord Windsor to Lord Berkeley, is discharged. On the 8th his Majesty goes to Guildford to hunt, on the 9th to Windsor, and returns to Whitehall on the 10th. On the 25th of next month he has resolved to go to Norwich, and thence to Yarmouth and other parts of the county, and to return to Newmarket about the beginning of October. Mr. Montague, Ambassador to France, was on the 4th sworn Master of the Great Wardrobe, a place surrendered by the Earl of Sandwich, and goes some time next week. From Venice we hear that the Grand Signior was at a place near Philippopoli with a considerable army, having sent the Bassa of Sophia with 15,000 men to reduce a people called Zarnagorzi, who had rebelled. [$3\frac{3}{4}$ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 18.]

Aug. 5.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. A ship from Guinea and Barbadoes reports that a merchant, Beaver, at our factory at Guinea, whose brother was formerly Governor there, had hired some natives to take the Governor on some advantage, and run him in the woods and there abuse him. Being highly feed, they attempted and obtained their desires, but afterwards he was redeemed by an English captain and sent to a Dutch plantation there, where he is kindly used. Beaver, as soon as he heard the Governor was carried away, took the Castle, and now all is his or at his commands. [*Ibid.* No. 19.]

Aug. 5.
Lyme.

Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. The *Greyhound* from Barbadoes reports that they are now in a good condition of health, and that many of them go to Carolina to plant the new colony there, looking on it as very good ground to produce wine, fruit, and other commodities. Sir Charles Wheeler and Sir Thomas Lynch arrived a few days before their coming away at the beginning of June. When the *Lily Rose* left Morlaix yesterday, they were full of the Dutch fleet being out and coming on their coast, and several scout boats were sent out to discover them. Some of the great ships at Brest were out, but suddenly called in again. [*Ibid.* No. 20.]

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Articles of Agreement between Roeloff Meulenaer and Wigbolt Muglman of Amsterdam of the one part, and Andrew Carr of Harwich, by procuration from Thomas Langley, also of Harwich, of the other part, by which the said Thos. Langley agrees to fully equip, victual, &c., for 76*l.*, payable every 28 days, three galliot hoys to transport or convey the ordinary mails, letters, and passengers to and from Harwich and Holland, twice in every week. With numerous clauses with reference thereto. [$6\frac{1}{2}$ pages. *Translated copy.* *Ibid.* No. 21.]

Aug. 5.

Privy seal for 540*l.* to Rebecca Lucia Loving, relict of William Loving, appointed Envoy to the King of Denmark, in consideration of her husband's expenses in the said service till his death. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 111.]

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Docquet thereof. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 108.]

Aug. 5.

Daniel Furzer to the Navy Commissioners. Last night, about five, a ketch called the *Success*, master one Mayers, of St. Saviour's

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Dock, ran into the *Ruby* and tore down all the upper part of her starboard gallery. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 78.]

[Aug. ?]

Colonel Cary Dillon to the King. Petition reciting the provisions in his favour in clause 171 of the Act of Explanation, stating that though he had lands in Meath valued for him in pursuance thereof, and paid 200*l.* to persons who had pretensions of leases thereof, yet the same were disposed of to his Royal Highness, and such as were disposed of to the petitioner were retrenchments of the lowest value, and 1,000 acres of what the Commissioners set him out he has never got, whereby there is a deficiency of 300*l. per annum*, and by his Majesty's gift to Colonel Legg, the petitioner has had taken out of his possession 350*l.* more, making in all 650*l.*, besides due to him wholly unsatisfied 5,200 acres purchased by him from the persons therein named, and praying a reference to examine the above allegations, and on proof thereof to pass to him by patent such lands as he shall tender for reprisal of the said 650*l. per annum*, and the said 5,200 acres, which at the lowest valuation may complete 1,200*l. per annum*, and the rather, because the House of Commons addressed the Duke of Ormonde to supplicate his Majesty, that the petitioner might have a compensation for the wardship of Mr. Talbot of Dardestown, when they tendered the bill for chimney money in lieu of the Court of Wards. *On back,*

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Whitehall.

Reference of the above petition to the Lord Lieutenant to examine and report thereon. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 167.]

Another copy of the above petition. [*Ibid.* No. 168.]

Aug. 5.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lords Justices. Whereas Sir Daniel Bellingham is a debtor to the Crown for 14,076*l.* 1*s.* 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.*, and yet the suit against him has been prosecuted only in the name of Edward Corker, directing that the Court of Exchequer be moved in arrest of judgment on the verdict given in that case last term and for a new trial, and that Sir D. Bellingham be prosecuted in the King's name either by information or by English bill or otherwise as the case may require. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 8, p. 96.]

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 169.]

[Aug. 6.]

J. R. [Sir John Robinson, Lieut. of the Tower] to Colonel Bagot and Captain Legg. Giving an account of the duties of the warders. I have had no miscarriage during eleven years. The late mischance no more concerned the government of the garrison than if an officer of the Ordnance or Mint had his house robbed by his own relations. I never dispensed with the military commissioned officers lying abroad at nights, and never did so myself without the King's leave. The officers are sober persons, perform their duties well, and are kind to one another, and so are the warders. The gentleman porter will attend you and discharge the duty of the gates with the warders. No soldiers should be drawn from the Tower on any occasion. With a detailed account of the duties of the yeomen warders of the Tower, formerly 40 in number, but to be reduced as they die to 20; and

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an account of the duties of the guard, consisting of three companies of 60 soldiers each, the places for sentinels, &c. [3 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 22.]

Aug. 6. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 23.]
Plymouth.

Aug. 6. Joseph Binckes to Williamson. Beseeching him "to consider mine
[Received.] undertaking, especially what I suffer by unreasonable men. As for the professed party, they denounce all persons to be cursed, yea damned, that dare open their mouths to inform against their proceeds, which tend wholly to set the whole nation in an uproar against their superiors," and referring to the assistance formerly given him by Sir Edward Nicholas. "There can be in no kingdom a well-grounded peace, where are no informers to find out offences, as well as magistrates to punish offenders." [*Ibid.* No. 24.]

Aug. 6. Giacomo Alberti, the Venetian Resident, to Williamson. Com-
plaining of his difficulties in getting through the Custom House five cases, two of borders and mirrors, one of drinking glasses, and two of wine and Parmesan cheese, and requesting that he may have the same privileges as other foreign ministers. [*French.* 2 pages. *Ibid.* No. 25.]

Aug. 6. Licence for Sir John Robinson to be absent from the Tower for
some time for his health and upon his own occasions, and to appoint Colonel Harry Bagot or Captain George Legg to command as his deputy. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 112.]

Aug. 6. Warrant for a grant to Ralph Montague, Master of Horse to the
Whitehall. Queen, of the office of Keeper to the Great Wardrobe, surrendered by the Earl of Sandwich. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 6. John Moore to the Navy Commissioners. Concerning the barge
Portsmouth. oars mentioned in his former letters. Ship oars are wanting. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 79.]

Aug. 6. Captain John Holmes to the same. Sending a list of the men on
The *Diamond*, board who have tickets for former service to be paid, and the sum
Spithead. due to them, and desiring a warrant for the entry of the 24 soldiers received on board in addition to the former complement. [*Ibid.* No. 80.]

Aug. 6. Captain John Hart to the same. Sending a list similar to that in
The *Rupert*, the last, and acknowledging the barge oars received. Ship oars are
Spithead. not to be had here. All the provisions to be had here are on board except some pease. Enclosed is a list of boatswain's stores not to be had here. I hope to sail for the Downs to-morrow afternoon, having 300 men on board, and hope to-night or to-morrow morning to have 20 or 30 more from Southampton. I shall give an account from the Downs of the money disbursed in getting men. [*Ibid.* No. 81.]

Aug. 6. Richard Hearne, purser of the *Diamond*, to Thomas Hayter. By
Portsmouth. the captain's order requesting that some tickets may be sent. [*Ibid.* No. 82.]

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York.

Lord Frescheville to Williamson. Requesting him to expedite his business concerning the advowson and the grant of the Quaker's legacy, and also that of the two poor men Ellis and Strangeways, and promising before the end of the assizes to send Lord Arlington an account of what happens. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 26.*]

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[Received.]
Yarmouth.

Richard Bower to Williamson. Last Sunday there was a Quaker's meeting at Paikfield, in Suffolk, about seven miles hence. The Chief Constable, with some assistance, went to disperse them. He took the names of as many as he knew; the rest, eleven in number, refused to give them, on which he put a guard on them and went to Sir Thomas Meddowes for a warrant to bring them before him. At his return he showed them the warrant, and required them to go with him. They refused, for the warrant required him to bring them before the Justice, and therefore they would not go. The Constable got a cart, but they not being free to go in of themselves, the Constable with his assistants was forced to put them in. The first that were put in were so cross that they would lie at their length so that they could not stow half of them, whereupon the carter laid them one upon another; but this not being for their ease, they then sat up. Being brought to the Justice's door, they could not persuade them to come out of the cart, on which the carter cast off the belly-band, lifted up the tibbs of the cart, and so threw them out all together, which so cooled their courage that, coming before Sir Thomas, they all gave in their names and were dismissed for the present. [*Ibid. No. 27.*]

Aug. 7.
Gloucester.

Henry Fowler to Mr. Justice Morton. At a Common Council to-day was presented a petition from the Master and Wardens of the Guild and Fraternity of Mercers, Grocers, &c., that the Common Council would seriously consider the great encroachments and abuses on their trades by men who never served an apprenticeship, and in particular against one Williams, that practises the trade of a mercer. In the debate about Williams, mention happened concerning Dr. Fielding, that persists in abusing their privileges, and so things grew high, and at last I was pressed to put it to the vote to disfranchise the doctor, which I did on long importunity, and in a full house of seven or eight and thirty the vote passed against him, nineteen or twenty being against him, and fifteen or sixteen for him, so that now, the great spring of our dissension being stopped, we hope to be more quiet. Doubtless he will be troublesome and bring his *mandamus* to be replaced, but we doubt not to make all good against him. [2 pages. *Ibid. No. 28.*]

Aug. 7.
College,
Gloucester.

Dr. Thomas Vyner, Dean, to Williamson. Your former favours were such as sufficiently bored my ears in token of a perpetual servitude to you. I hold it no small addition to my preferment to be thought meet to take care with honest men that they be not overborne by their and the public adversaries who have here been as dangerous for number as for secrecy and craft. Vigilancy and discretion in the loyal party will do what is possible to prevent the growth of that unpeaceable and dangerous interest that opposes them, yet without more than ordinary assistance from the Royal

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pleasure, I doubt his Majesty's friends here will shortly be much disheartened. To-day the loyal party have thrown the Jonas (as they think) overboard by disfranchising Dr. Fielding, and thereby lessening the Council by one Alderman, and the Bench by one Justice. They will do something speedily to supply his place, which if they can, it will prove a complete victory, and give hopes of better things in future than the Common Council has lately driven at. At the approaching assizes something else will appear to his discouragement, and if the matter of the Breviate holds, it will be of a dismal consequence to the Doctor's credit, and of no less comfortable aspect towards Sir John Guise's cause to be tried at the assizes. Whereas, before the late rebellion, over the south gate of this city, there was fixed in stone the arms of the Dukes of York and Gloster, over them his Majesty's arms encircled with the Garter without supporters, the Crown over the Arms, and over it a head peeping out of a hole, supposed to be Nehemiah's, because out of each side of the head came a hand, in the right a sword, in the left a trowel. This was their trophy set up upon the remove of the siege, as the writing under the arch signified, which was "A city assaulted by man, but saved by God." This the present Mayor has caused to be taken down and the King's arms set up in the old place with this inscription: "*Insignia hæc regia a nuperis rebellibus cruentis summo scelere demolita Henricus Fowler, armiger, hujus civitatis ex speciali mandato Regio Major, restituenda curavit. 1671.*" The joy of the loyal party would very fain have been heard by the College peals, but I rather desired them to consider themselves as putting on their armour, which they might prevail with hereafter by sober management of all successes, and then if they desired the peals, rather than they should not speak the joy of such a victory I'd pull a rope with them. [2 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 29.]

Aug. 7.
The *Argier*,
in the Downs.

Captain Richard White to Samuel Pepys. On the first opportunity of wind and weather we sail for the Isle of Wight. The ship is in very good condition, and sails well. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 83.]

Aug. 7.

Matthew Wren to the Navy Commissioners. Enclosing a letter from Captain Foulis, of the *Holmes*, complaining that her sails are too small, and desiring that a supply be sent to the *Centurion*, as she has only four days' victuals on board. [*Ibid.* No. 84.] *Enclosed,*

The said letter, giving particulars of the sails complained of.
[*Ibid.* No. 84i.]

Aug. 8.
Whitehall.

News-letter to Walter Tucker, Lyme. [The first part is identical with previous news-letters.] The 4th his Majesty sat in Council, and ordered it to be adjourned for this month. To-day he went to Mr. Demyhoyes (Dalmahoy's), near Guildford, lies to-night at his house, and to-morrow goes to Windsor, and intends to return here next day. The *Centurion* arrived on the 4th in the Downs, and went on to the Thames. An East India and a Jamaica ship arrived the same afternoon. When she sailed, Sir Thomas Lynch had not arrived. Nicholls and Husse were examined before the Council on

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the 4th, and were found to have tried to carry over some combed wool, which they had with screws so forced into packs that they were as weighty as cloth, and covered them with white cloth. They are committed to Newgate for trial. There is little news from Paris except a discourse of a match between Monsieur and a daughter of the Prince Palatine. On the 2nd the nine French galleys returned from the coasts of Italy, where four and two half-galleys are still coasting, by which they show their greatness to the Italian princes, and keep their slaves and soldiers in practice. From Marseilles they write that 14 French men-of-war had passed Malta in search of Tripolines, that they had done nothing against Tunis, and had little hope of peace with them, and that the difference between France and the Grand Signior was adjusted. Those of Zealand made much opposition to the prohibition of French wines, salt, and paper. The impositions on corn had several against it, so that nothing was concluded. There was a report that M. Beverning, being at Lyons, may be ordered to Paris to succeed De Groot in his embassy. The Turkish envoy to the Emperor's general made certain demands, to which he received the replies given. On the 8th John (*sic*) Blood senior (one of the Crown stealers) had a pardon passed the Privy Seal of all treasons, misprisions of treason, &c., committed by him since 1660 to this present, as also a restitution of all his lands in England and Ireland. [$3\frac{3}{4}$ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 30.]

Aug. 8.
Whitehall.

The King to the Stationers' Company. Signifying that their charter be renewed with such amendments and additions as for the future may empower them over their members, and with such other clauses as counsel shall advise for the securing of the Government against seditious and scandalous pamphlets and libels, the said clauses to be communicated to them by the Surveyor of the Presses. [*Sign Manual. Ibid.* No. 31.]

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Draft or sketch of the above letter. [*Ibid.* No. 32.]

Aug. 8.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to James Hicke. Mentioning that great quantities of pilchards have been taken in several parts of Cornwall, and that there is a report from Newfoundland that the fishermen have made a very bad voyage there this year. [*Ibid.* No. 33.]

Aug. 8.

Richard Mills to Williamson. Asking him to honour the Governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital with his company on the 10th, at the Half Moon Tavern, in Cheapside. [*Ibid.* No. 34.]

Aug. 8.

Silv[anus] Petyt to Thomas Perry. Asking him to remind Williamson of the *mandamus* for a junior fellowship in Dublin College for Adam Ussher, on a letter of recommendation from Lord [Justice] Forbes to Lord Arlington. [*Ibid.* No. 35.]

Aug. 8.

Sir R. Wiseman to Williamson. Beseeching his kindness in remembering his concerns, and asking him to inform Lord Arlington that by Sir Edward Griffin the business may be transacted with secrecy; 7,000*l.* assignment would make him a free agent for the King's service, though paying back 3,500*l.* by 500*l.* *per annum*. [*Ibid.* No. 36.]

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Aug. 8. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Rupert* sails to-day for the Downs; the *Diamond* remains at Spithead. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 37.]

Aug. 8. Letter to the Dean and Chapter of Winchester, recommending Samuel Cuffe to be received as tenant to the fee-farm estate of Longsheete, in preference to others, according to the usual custom. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, f. 75.]

Aug. 8. Warrant to apprehend Edward Purcell for threatening the life of the Duke of Ormonde. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 112.]

Aug. 8. Warrant to search for Edward Purcell, and convey him prisoner to the Tower. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 8. Warrant to Sir John Robinson, or his deputy, to take into custody the above Edward Purcell. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 8. Captain John Holmes to the Navy Commissioners. I have sent The *Diamond*, a list of tickets. I have now orders to sail, and wait only for the Spithead. *Holmes*, and *Algiers*. I request materials for cleaning the ship abroad. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 85.]

Aug. 8. Jonas Shish to the same. Stating that he can sheathe the *Pearl*, *Speedwell*, or *Drake*, or any two of them against next spring (before which the three ships to be docked will not be ready) if desired. [*Ibid.* No. 86.]

Aug. 8. Particulars of the silk, &c., bought of John Young and Co., 27 June, for the colours of the *Cleveland* yacht, amounting to 69*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.* Noted that a bill was passed for the price 8 August. [*Ibid.* No. 87.]

Aug. 8. Deposition of Thomas Histed of New Hythe in Kent, sworn before Samuel Pepys, that the only cause that Charles Amherst's timber was not delivered sooner was that those who brought it to the yard at Chatham were twice forbidden to bring any more till further order, first on the launching of the *Prince*, and next on the new masting of her, which orders of forbidding came from Commissioner Cox. [*Ibid.* No. 88.]

[Aug. 8?] An account of the timber of Charles Amherst, Esq., delivered to his Majesty's yard at Chatham. [*Ibid.* No. 89.]

[After Aug. 8.] Abstract of several letters and papers that passed to and from the Board, touching Mr. Brunsden, Squire Amherst's timber, and the entering of shipwrights. (The first is dated 29 August 1670, the last 8 August 1671. Those to the Board have already been calendared.) [*Partly in Shorthand. Ibid.* No. 90.]

[Aug. 8.] Edward Purcell to the King. Petition praying that the Duke of Ormonde should let the petitioner enjoy the estate his predecessors enjoyed for 500 years, as the petitioner has his Majesty's order for it, and was by the Act of Parliament to be restored to his whole estate. "If not relieved, as I have a soul to be saved, I will have his life, if that sword or pistol will do it, by the help of God and by my own hands." [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 170.]

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The King to [the Lord Lieutenant]. After reciting the order of 10 June for a stop of payments, and that the agreement with Viscount Ranelagh and others is finished, by which all the issue and receipts of the Irish Treasury shall be solely managed by him and his partners, who are to be constituted Commissioners of the Treasury during the time of their undertaking, directing that the key now in the custody of the Deputy Vice Treasurer, with the possession of all the Treasury there and all the books and accounts therein or belonging thereto, be forthwith delivered to the said Viscount Ranelagh, Sir Alexander Bence, Sir James Hayes, John Bence, and George Dashwood, and then that he is to sign warrants with all possible speed for payment of three months' full pay to the Army there from 31 March, but to be directed to the said Viscount Ranelagh and the rest of the Commissioners of the Treasury, and also warrants for payment of the *concordatum* moneys, and the entertainment of their chief Governor or Governors, and also for the moneys ordered for Colonel Talbot and the repair of Christchurch. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, No. 97.*]

Aug. 9. James Hickes to Williamson. Concerning Mr. Gibbs. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 38.*]

Aug. 9. Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. The *Charity*, arrived in seven weeks from Barbadoes, says the sickness was now over, but that sugar was somewhat scarce; 500 went thence to Carolina in the three months she was there. [*Ibid. No. 39.*]

Aug. 9. Rich. Baddeley to Williamson. Requesting him to have inserted in the *Gazette* the following advertisement. [*Ibid. No. 40.*] *Enclosed, Printed advertisement, offering a reward for a dappled-grey gelding, lost from Wood Green behind Hornsey, the night of the 1st. [Ibid. No. 40i.]*

Aug. 9. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I have received your letter and the enclosed information touching Mr. Amherst's timber. I could enlarge much in answer to the two points you are pleased to say in difference betwixt myself and Mr. Pett, and doubt not to prove to you that the difference and disquiet between us is due to him rather than to me, when you visit Chatham. I desire to know when you intend to be here. The *Truelove* fireship sailed to-day for Sheerness, the *Little Lyon*, *Francis*, and *Harderine* fireships were hauled ashore to-day, the first two to be cleaned, and the third to stop a leak. I hope they may all sail for Sheerness to-morrow. The *Sovereign* and *St. Andrew* will be brought up this week, if wind and weather serve. I doubt the shipwrights' willingness to perform their duty on any urgent occasion, they being much unsatisfied for want of money to subsist. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 91.*]

Aug. 9. Certificate by Sir Robert Long that none of the 17,339*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* registered on the Act for eleven months' tax in the name of Captain George Cock for goods furnished to the Navy, has been paid. Noted that a bill dated 17 Aug. was passed to him for six months' interest to 4 August 1671. [*Ibid. No. 92.*]

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 Aug. 9. Major Nathaniel Darell to Lord Brouncker. Desiring that the Commissioners would exchange the boat that attends on Sheerness for an abler one. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, *No.* 93.]
- Aug. 10. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. To the same effect as his last.
 Portsmouth. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, *No.* 41.]
- Aug. 10. News-letter to Sir Richard Everard, Newhall, Essex. [The first part is identical with previous news-letters.] On the 26th and 27th four Danish frigates passed the Sound designed for the Elbe, and on the 29th another was in the road bound thither, but was commanded to return. The King of Denmark seems very inclinable to an accommodation, so that we need not doubt the success of Mr. Bertie's negotiation. Browne, master of the *Witherington*, passing by Cronenburg Castle, though he struck, had a gun from the castle, was fetched ashore, made a prisoner all night, and forced to pay for the shot, but it being made evident that he had paid a proper respect, the Governor was ordered to make him satisfaction and the soldiers punished. The fortifications of Dunkirk still keep the soldiers employed, in which they have spent five or six vessels of lime, which for most of the summer have been weekly carried over thither from Dover. Orders have been sent from Spain that to avoid all disputes that may arise among those of the Franche Comté concerning the miscarriages of any persons when the French were masters of it, a proclamation be published there that all who raise any discourses of that kind be taken into custody, and punished as disturbers of the public peace. The King of France has sent a courier to Vienna, who besides ending the dispute betwixt Gremonville and Prince Lobkowitz is to take notice of the noise that Gremonville had laboured in the rebellion of Hungary. Brussels letters confirm the news of French soldiers deserting: 32 troopers well mounted offered their services to the Spaniards, but Count Monterey picked out the strangers, but would not meddle with the French. The States had not by the 18th (N.S.) resolved the prohibition of French wines, &c., and there being now no likelihood of a war this year, the Court of Admiralty was assembled to call the fleet home. The King finding it not fit to hunt by reason of much rain lately fallen, returned to Whitehall on the 9th. [$3\frac{3}{4}$ pages. *Ibid.* *No.* 42.]
- Aug. 10. Phineas Pett, muster-master, to [the Navy Commissioners]. Praying their favourable report on his Highness' reference of his petition, as he has suffered great discouragement by the delay in passing the accounts of the Scotch affair. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, *No.* 94.]
 Navy Office.
- Aug. 11. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Enclosing a list of ships arrived.
 Plymouth. List enclosed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, *Nos.* 43, 431.]
- Aug. 11. John Owen to Thomas Hayter. Concerning Henry Hollester's two bills for transporting hemp thither, and enclosing the exact weight of the hemp brought by him in October, 1670. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, *No.* 95.]
 Chatham
 Ropeyard.
- Aug. 11. Phineas Pett, T. Wilson, and others, to the Navy Commissioners.
 Chatham. No delays were caused by us in the receipt of any of Esquire

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Amherst's timber, but more than ordinary helps have been afforded him, and, after the contract had lapsed in point of time, the remaining timber was ordered to be taken up by the Commissioner. For the reasons we give we do not consider the timber worth above 40s. a load. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 96.]

Aug. 11. Phineas Pett, muster-master, to the same. Concerning the ticket
Gravesend. of the servant of the cook of the *Dragon*, alleging that he had received only 3*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*, and not 5*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.*, as Mr. Whitfield certifies, and desiring that the latter may reconsider his certificate. [*Ibid.* No. 97.]

Aug. 11. Jonas Shish to the same. Yesterday the *Pearl*, *Speedwell*, and
Drake were launched out of the dry dock. This morning our shipwrights and all the other workmen have absented his Majesty's service. [*Ibid.* No. 98.]

Aug. 11. Captain Thomas Foulis to Thomas Hayter. Requesting that the
The Downs. orders for the good order of the fleet, and some blank tickets, be sent to Portsmouth for him. [*Ibid.* No. 99.]

Aug. 11. Account of money received and due for victualling the Navy from
1 January 1670-1 to 31 December 1671, the total, which according to contract is due in August, being 76,736*l.*, towards which orders on various branches of the revenue, amounting to 66,068*l.*, have been granted by the Commissioners of the Treasury, and money borrowed and received on such orders amounting to 36,000*l.*, leaving unpaid 40,736*l.* [2 pages. *Ibid.* No. 100.]

Aug. 12. Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. The *Elizabeth* from St. Malo
Lyme. says that at their sailing there was news that the Dutch fleet of 30 sail passed through the Channel, and that they are afraid for their great fleets at Newfoundland. The French King had dismissed many of the seamen, having given up setting out a fleet this year, but paid them so well that they are greatly satisfied. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 44.]

Aug. 12. News-letter to Robert Stanton, at St. Edmund's Bury. [The first
part is identical with previous news-letters.] On the 8th, Purcell, an Irishman, having presented a petition to the King, in which he pretended an injury done him by the Duke of Ormonde in disposing of lands in Ireland, formerly his, and in it threatened death by pistol to the Duke (though neither the Duke nor any of his relations have the estate), was, by the King's orders, sent to the Tower. The King has suspended Lord Aungier from the offices of Vice-Treasurer and Receiver-General of Ireland, and of Treasurer of War there during the term of Lord Ranelagh's covenant for the revenue of Ireland, which continues for 5 years. The *Algier* and the *Holmes* went from the Thames to the Downs and sailed on the 9th, but were forced back by bad weather. They write from Paris that about 200 foot companies are to be immediately raised, each captain being allowed 500 *livres* for raising his company, and in October next, 86 troops of horse, for which each captain is to have 7,500 *livres*. There is a discourse of a project proposed, wherein the undertakers

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will give the King a million a day, and yet, they pretend, give great ease to the people. It concludes the nobility, and is by way of poll money of all, including children, by chimney money, and a new model of the gabelle of salt, in lieu of which the people shall be eased of all other taxes. The Hungarians and Croatians have petitioned the Emperor to be eased of having so many soldiers quartered on them, but he will not remove any of his army till he and the Grand Signior have a better understanding. If it be fit for hunting, the King will go to Windsor from Tuesday to Thursday next. Mr. Coventry has received his despatches and money, and, it is thought, may not wait for the Swedish Ambassador, but go as soon as the yacht is ready. The *Merlin* yacht going to fetch the Lady Ambassadors Temple from Holland, met beyond the Goodwins a fleet of Dutch merchantmen, who did not strike, and saluted with one gun, which he answered, and then gave another shot with a bullet, to oblige them to a further respect, but instead of pursuing them went on his course, which is very ill taken, because he forced them not to a performance of their duty. [3½ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 45.]

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Stamford.

Gulielmus [Fuller], Bishop of Lincoln, to Williamson. In my visitation of Leicestershire I met with such an odd kind of disturbance among the people that it startled me very much. A strong report ran like wildfire all over that county and others adjacent, that all cattle of whatsoever kind which were not branded, the King would seize upon. This was so firmly believed that at Leicester I could hardly look on a horse that was not branded, and there is scarce a horse or cow not so marked in this town too. Pitch is in some places raised to 6*d.* a *lb.*, and when they cannot buy it they clip and mark with shears, the people like mad running and crying, "The King is coming to take our cattle, his takers are at the next town." In this disorder they continued for some days, and are still in some places exceedingly affrighted. The thing itself is very ridiculous, but is not to be slighted, because it discovers the ill opinion too many weak men have of the Government, that they believe anything that knaves report on the least suggestion against it. This report doubtless was, if not raised, yet forwarded by the factious schismatics who endeavour all they can to bring monarchy into hatred and contempt, for the setting up of a Commonwealth. Otherwise they would not put the people into such a fright on so slight a ground, which was that it is reported (how true I know not), that the Duchess of Newcastle was very severe in punishing those of the Forest in Nottinghamshire, taking away all the cattle that were not branded, as legally they ought to be. Malcontents, taking advantage thereby, persuaded the people that it is the King's act, and that his takers will seize on all unbranded cattle throughout the nation, which though most false, serves their purpose for the present, who then find the people apt to believe any ill report against the Government, and when they are ready for rising will inflame the people by the like stories. I cannot fix this malicious slander on any author, though I have inquired, it is so universal. I have now passed through five counties in my visitation, and

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though I have toiled like a horse from morning till night these 23 days, yet I am sufficiently rewarded by the love of the gentry and kindness of the people, who wherever I come, depart well satisfied with the severity of my proceedings, for I have sacrificed some officers who exact fees, as well as debauched ministers and half conformists, to the people's satisfaction, and it was time to do so. Old and young of all qualities are very desirous of confirmation, which I give wherever I come. You would wonder at the vast numbers I everywhere confirm, which I note to confirm your opinion that the people, if left to themselves, are strongly for the present Church government. The noise against it proceeds from not many mouths. I will show you such a list of parishes, where there is not one Separatist, as will raise your wonder. I have taken such a course as will bring catechizing in the Sunday's afternoon into the place of preaching, as being more necessary, and my clergy everywhere cheerfully undertake it, as they do reading the Litany Wednesdays and Fridays. I recommend the longbow, wherever I come, to the gentry, which will not displease you. You will be as vexed as I am to observe what a pitiful return most counties make of the tax, contrary to their oaths. The world, I verily believe, has not for its proportion so many perjured persons as are in England, [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 46.]

Aug. 12.
Portsmouth
Ropeyard.

G. Peachy to the Navy Commissioners. Desiring about 26 last of tar for about 120 tons of yarn, remaining in store untarred. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 101.]

Aug. 12.
Barbados.

Captain Geoffrey Pierse to the same. The *Eaglet* ketch has arrived safe here from the Indian Islands, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, and Dominica, where she was sent by the Governor to know their friendship. They are very willing to continue peace with all our nation, and make a great show of their kindness. I have also been at Martinico with the French to demand some Englishmen run away from Barbados in boats, and some negroes, but the Governor cannot deliver them without orders from Monsieur Labas, who is now at St. Christopher's, but I had the negroes and one boat. The French are very kind, and much desire our friendship, and I told them it was the desire of our Governor to do so. Half our great sails are worn out and the rest half worn out, and our rigging and stores are spent because of our continued motion from place to place, therefore I ask a supply. [*Ibid.* No. 102.]

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Sir George Downing to Samuel Pepys. Desiring to see him next Tuesday or Thursday about new-drawing the warrant for the Navy debt. [*Ibid.* No. 103.]

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Dublin.

Robert Leigh to Williamson. Again beseeching all possible despatch for the letters concerning the dispensation and Mr. Jones. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 171.]

Aug. 12.
Lisburn.

Sir G. Rawdon to Viscount Conway. Concerning plans for the house there, and the buildings at Portmore, and other business matters, and requesting his direction on the enclosed to his son Arthur, when he writes next to France, and his advice about Ned

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and Jack. Mr. Hurlbert left this afternoon. [2 pages. *Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 172.*] *Enclosed*,
- Aug. 12. *Sir G. Rawdon to his son Arthur. Acknowledging his letter from Orleans and that from Mr. Dethick to Lord Conway, his uncle, and giving him news of the family. [Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 172I.]*
- [Aug. 12.] Richard Beauvoir, late ensign to Lord Hatton, to the King. Petition, stating that he had served as ensign in Guernsey during the late Dutch war under Sir Jonathan Atkins, and since under Lord Hatton; that he has been falsely accused of sending copies of Lord Lucas' speech to his relations in Guernsey, and of commending the same, and that he is consequently fallen under his Majesty's displeasure, and suspended from his service; and praying that as he is wholly innocent, the infamy under which he lies may be taken away, and that he may be restored to service. [2 copies. *S.P. Channel Islands 9, Nos. 6, 7.*] *Annexed to one*,
- Aug. 12. *Affidavit by Richard Beauvoir that he never commended the said speech, nor ever read the same, and never sent it to Guernsey. Ibid. No. 7I.]*
- Aug. 13. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. We have had for ten or twelve days very much rain, insomuch that very much corn is, and more is like to be, spoiled. There are great quantities of pilchards killed all over Cornwall. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 47.*]
- Aug. 13. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of news. [*Ibid. No. 48.*]
- Aug. 13. Dr. Thomas Yates, Principal of Brasenose, to Sir Leoline Jenkins. I have gotten what grants were made since printing came into England, and it was first settled in Oxford before London or St. Albans. This, I hear, appears by a record in the Archbishop's library at Lambeth, in the life or some memorandum of Thomas Bouchier when he was Archbishop, and by his means and at his charge, about 1460, it was brought from Haarlem, and that he settled one Frederick Corsellis that came thence in Oxon, and there was the first press or printing mould in England. If Mr. Richards has met with it or could easily find it, it would be of advantage to us, for by possession of that privilege of printing thus got, or by grants that we anciently had before printing was known in the world (and that for that end the *Scriptores Pergamenarii* were of our body, and not of the guild of the city), we have from 1468, wherein the first book I can fix was printed in Oxford or in England, continued it without any interruption, and never had any grant till the late King's time, and fix our power on the possession of this privilege, which by the Act of 13 Eliz. was confirmed to us by Parliament. If this be so, our power is large and ancient enough, and before any grant or restriction or limitation whatever. If Mr. Richards have not this record, I hear Sir John Berkenhead is able to direct where it is to be found. Your business is now on foot as to the history of the University. The first sheet is printed off, and the second will be in a day or two. [2 pages. *Ibid. No. 49.*]

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 Aug. 13. Grant to Thomas Jones to be serjeant-at-law. Minute. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 113.]
- Aug. Docquet thereof. [Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 112.]
- Aug. 14. Anthony Thorold to James Hicke. Desiring him to send the
 Lyme. enclosed to Williamson, and to return his answer the next post. There has been a very violent and long storm for the time of year from last Thursday night to Sunday morning, but little harm done by it. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 50.] Enclosed,
- Aug. 14. Anthony Thorold to Williamson. Entreating him to write
 Lyme. to the new Farmers of the Customs, that he might retain his employment as Surveyor there. [Ibid. No. 501.]
- Aug. 14. John Man to Williamson. The *Fortune* of Cork, arrived last
 Swansea. week, reports some rising by the Irish in arms in the North of Ireland. There have been here so much rain and wind the last fortnight, that the countrymen had dreadful apprehensions of the effect on the harvest, but yesterday and to-day have been fair. [Ibid. No. 51.]
- Aug. 14. Henry Fowler, Mayor, to Mr. Justice Morton. On the disfranchising of Dr. Fielding, I wrote on the 9th to all the aldermen to meet next morning at the Tolsey to elect an alderman in his place. When we met, I told them the occasion, and offered to proceed to an election, but they all denied it, and so we departed and did nothing, and I think they will not do anything. I humbly beg your advice, and enclose two sections of our charter, submitting that we are no longer a corporation, as we do not supply the vacancies, and suggesting that his Majesty would take the opportunity to mould us into a better form.
- Postscript.*—To-day is always the day on which, according to custom, we nominate the Mayor for the next year, and because they denied to elect another alderman, I denied to proceed to the nomination of the Mayor, telling them that at present we were but a maimed body, and had no power to do business, and so left. But in my absence the senior alderman, Mr. Stephens, proceeded, being much assisted by Mr. Arnold and others, and nominated Mr. Bubb, a man of very weak intellects. But 'tis intended that he shall fine, and Mr. Scudamore be Mayor. *Before the Postscript,*
- The said extracts from the charter. [4 pages in all. Ibid. No. 52.]*
- Aug. 14. Sir Thomas Strickland and R. Milward to [Lord Arlington]. Reporting the results of the searches made by them in obedience to his letter of 8 July, concerning grants of the Great Park at Windsor. [2½ pages. Ibid. No. 53.]
- Aug. 14. Hugh Acland to James Hicke. No news. [Ibid. No. 54.]
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- Aug. 14. Richard Watts to Williamson. Shipping news. [Ibid. No. 55.]
 Deal.
- Aug. 14. Lord Castleton to Williamson. Enclosing an answer to Lord Sandbeck. Arlington's letter about Lord Exeter and himself. [Ibid. No. 56.]

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Aug. 14. Sir John Robinson to Williamson. Inquiring after his health and Farmingwood. complaining of his own. My prisoner that was, keeps word with me in attending Lord Arlington and no other, though he has been courted. I fixed him right; if you see him, know of him why he would not have me stay longer than needs, for reasons relating to myself. I left George Legg in command of the Tower. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 57.]

Aug. 14. The King to — Boreman, Master of the Ballast Office. He was ordered by former letters first to remove the shelps in the river near Whitehall and London Bridge, but the Lord Mayor and Surveyor-General of Works having represented that for the cutting of Bridewell Dock River, according to the approved draft, it is needful to clear the shelp at the channel and mouth of the said dock, he is first to employ as many hands as he can to remove that, under direction of the Surveyor-General. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, f. 75.]

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 58.]

Aug. 14. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I shall Chatham. take care that a boat be built for the Governor of Sheerness, and delivered in exchange for the other. I enclose a demand from Captain Bowen of the *Centurion*, on which I desire your opinion, it being somewhat large. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 104.]

Aug. 14. Sir Thomas Allin and Sir Jeremy Smyth to Samuel Pepys. Signifying that the Duke had dispensed with their attending him to-day, and had ordered them to go to Woolwich to pay the yard, and that the consideration of victualling the Straits fleet is deferred till the victuallers be settled here, and desiring him to speak to the Treasurers that money be provided for Deptford Yard. [*Ibid.* No. 105.]

Aug. 14. Lord Arlington to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury. Whitehall. Communicating the enclosed order of Council to them for their opinion. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 173.] *Enclosing,*
Order in Council of 14 January 1669-70, concerning the Farmers of the Revenue in Ireland. [*Copy. Ibid.* No. 173I.]

Aug. 14. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing that Sir Charles Whitehall. Meredith be sworn a Privy Councillor. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office,* Vol. 8, No. 100.]

Aug. 15. Don Diego de Peñalossa Brizeño to the Earl of Arlington (*sic*). London. Complaining that he has been waiting fourteen or fifteen months without knowing whether he is to be employed in his Majesty's service or is to seek the remedy which he is obliged to solicit by both divine and human law, and praying him to favour him with his Majesty, that he may know the result of his expectation. [*Spanish. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 59.]

Aug. 15. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 60.] Plymouth.

Aug. 15. News-letter to Sir Edward Hungerford, Farley Castle, Bath. Genoa letters of the 1st say that a Genoese from Iviça reports that, before he left, two men-of-war and a fireship arrived from Sir

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Edward Spragg, whom they left at Algiers. They affirmed that he had broken one of their chains, burnt three new ships (the Algerines sank the other), forced the Algerines from the Mole, and finding no resistance, went on it and demolished the fort, brought out several small vessels, and took a brigantine which the frigates had with them at Iviça. They told him that Sir Edward had seized three French barks going for Algiers with ammunition, and hanged the patrons. Leghorn letters of the 3rd (N.S.) say that the *African* pink from Tunis reports that the French were gone except three, who attempted to have burnt her (being an English ship and sailed with the English) in the port. They armed three boats, whom the Turks with their small shot forced to retire, and again they stood in with five boats, barricados, &c., and the Turks manning three boats with 150 men beat them back again. The Tunis men had 25 brigantines at sea, and six galleys ready to put to sea. The Count d'Estree, Vice-Admiral of France, with six men-of-war, a fireship, and a ketch, was to join the three vessels that brought the Nuncio thither to block up Sallee. Venice letters of the 7th (N.S.) say that Proveditor Nani advised that he was very kindly received by the Bassa he was to treat with about adjusting the limits, that the Turks acknowledged Clissa, Sasso, and Novigrad to belong to the Republic, and as to the other places desired their right to be further made out. Brussels letters of the 18th (N.S.) say that the French King bought the week before, at Liège, 25,000 muskets, and that the French had lately proposed at Madrid that if Spain would undertake not to assist their present or future enemies, Spain might be assured they should suffer no injury by war during the King's minority. Paris letters of the 19th say the last courier from Heidelberg brought some difficulties in a main article of the marriage, viz., the Princess's conversion, but they made little doubt of it at the Court, as they continued their preparations for it. [3 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 61.]

Aug. 15. James Hickes to Williamson. Giving an account of the Eleven-score Target shoot at the Artillery Ground the previous day, and of the prizes and prize winners, among whom Mr. Dalloc, shooting for Williamson won three spoons, and asking for his decision about Gibbs. [*Ibid.* No. 62.]

Aug. 15. Captain John Hart to the Navy Commissioners. We sailed from Portsmouth the 8th, and arrived here yesterday. All our provisions are on board except 150 bushels of pease; 345 men were entered in the clerk of the cheque's book. About 50 were left behind, whose clothes are on board. Captain Elliot has lent us his galliot hoy to go to the Buoy of the Nore to get men out of colliers and other ships from the northward. I enclose a list of tickets received since my last. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 106.]

Aug. 15. Order in Council on the petition of Colonel John Kelly, remitting
Whitehall. in his favour the new quit rents charged by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation on the lands whereof the petitioner or his ancestors were seized in possession or reversion on 23 October 1641. [2 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 174.]

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- Aug. 16. Captain Thomas Guy to Williamson. On behalf of the gunner in case of the vacancy he expects. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 63.*]
- Aug. 16. Charles Whittington to Williamson. Shipping news. [*Ibid.*
Hull. No. 64.]
- Aug. 16. Thomas Holden to Williamson. Shipping news, and asking him
Falmouth. to remember him for some place in the Custom House, now the new Farmers are coming in. [*Ibid. No. 65.*]
- Aug. 16. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Identical with the last, except
Falmouth. the last part of it. [*Ibid. No. 66.*]
- Aug. 16. Captain John Hart to the Navy Commissioners. We are now
The *Rupert*. expending our sea victuals. Captain Elliot has promised me twenty men in case their wages, of which over a twelvemonth's is due, be paid before they go to sea, and I believe more will come with them on the same terms. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 107.*]
- Aug. 16. Jonas Shish to [the same]. Certifying the measurements and
tonnage of the *Adventure* galliot. [*Ibid. No. 108.*]
- Aug. 16. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. After reciting that many of
Whitehall. the charters of cities and towns formerly corporate by reason of their miscarriages and misdemeanours during the late rebellion had been forfeited, directing him to inspect the charters formerly granted them, and upon the suit of the members of the said cities and towns to cause new charters to be passed, and to grant them such of the lands and hereditaments formerly belonging to them, and such liberties and franchises formerly enjoyed by them, with such restrictions and exceptions, as he shall think fit, and in case any of the said cities and towns shall neglect to take out new charters within the time limited by him, then to cause writs of *quo warranto* to be brought for the avoiding of the charters formerly granted them, the same course to be taken for the avoiding of the charters of such small towns as he shall not think fit to be continued corporations. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, No. 101.*]
- Draft thereof. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 175.*]
- Aug. 17. Richard Watts to Williamson. Shipping news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 67.*]
- [Aug ?] Bernard Grenville to the King. Petition praying for assignation on the excise of Yorkshire or elsewhere of the eleven years' arrears of the pension of 500*l.* a year, promised him by his Majesty at Breda, for bringing him the first letter of assurance from the Duke of Albemarle that he would sacrifice his life to restore him to the crown. He has had no grant since the Restoration, and has exhausted his small fortune. [*Ibid. No. 68.*]
- Aug. 17. Bernard Grenville to Williamson. Asking his assistance in procuring a reference on his petition. [*Ibid. No. 69.*]
- Aug. 17. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Shipping news. [*Ibid. No. 70.*]
- Aug. 17. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. No news. [*Ibid. No. 71.*]
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- Aug. 17. Portsmouth. Ralph Frare to the Navy Commissioners. Notifying his arrival with a cargo of deals and timber from Norway, desiring 100*l.* imprest to pay his men, and offering his service for a future employ. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 109.]
- Aug. 17. Portsmouth. Anthony Deane to the same. Provisions lately demanded are much wanted, especially sprucia deals, pitch, rosin, and brimstone. Captain Frary has arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 110.]
- Aug. 17. List of men belonging to the *Eastland* merchant, to whom protection was granted at Alderman Asty's request. [*Ibid.* No. 111.]
- Aug. 18. Whitehall. Sir Richard Browne to Williamson. Congratulating him on his recovery. As he is to dine at Covent Garden, desiring, if he wants anything, to send to him, otherwise he will return to Deptford immediately after dinner. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 72.]
- Aug. 18. Port Mahon. Sir Edward Spragg to Williamson. Acknowledging the receipt, after six months' expectation, of three of his of several dates, and stating that he is careening his ship, and when that is done he intends over to Algiers. [*Ibid.* No. 73.]
- Aug. 18. Sir Robert Carr to Williamson. Regretting that he shall not see him at his house that summer, and thanking him for his kindness to him, and also on behalf of his Bostoners. [*Ibid.* No. 74.]
- Aug. 18. Norwich. Edw. [Reynolds], Bishop of Norwich, to Alex. Denton. I am assured that a *mandamus* is endeavoured to be procured for a lay place in my gift. I cannot be blamed for endeavouring to preserve my liberty, and be left free in the disposal of places for the execution of which I am to be responsible. If Dr. Hughes can procure a letter to a particular purport suggested, it would be a service to the whole Episcopal order. I beg you not to part with this letter out of your own custody. [*Ibid.* No. 75.]
- Aug. $\frac{18}{28}$. Flushing. J. Custis to Williamson. The Dutch fleet, of which a list is enclosed, does not exceed 40, and no more are expected. They are victualled to 31 Oct., but ordered to keep at sea as long as they can, and then put into Flushing. They are sailing between there and the Channel, and their rendezvous is at Schonevelt. Three of them have been damaged. [*Ibid.* No. 76.]
- Aug. 18. Whitehall. Warrant to Sir John Robinson, Lieutenant of the Tower, to receive as prisoner Thos. Crow, captain of the *Merlin*, for failing to do his duty towards the Dutch men-of-war who refused to strike to the King's flag. [*Ibid.* No. 77, and *S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 113.]
- Aug. 18. Declaration of the King's consent, at the request of the assignees of John Bill and Chris. Barker, to the removal of his printing house from the Savoy, where it has been since the late fire, to Little Britain, near Christ Church, London, the Savoy being inconvenient from its remoteness from the City. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Books* 21, p. 95, and 34, f. 113.]
- Aug. 18. The Greenwich. Captain Robert Robinson to the Navy Commissioners. The 24 soldiers on board desire to be discharged, the voyage being completed.

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If the Board approves, let tickets be sent me for them. A vessel from Holland came yesterday through 35 Holland men-of-war, besides fireships and other vessels, which expected fifteen more very speedily from Holland. They had three flags, and were plying to and fro about fifteen leagues E.N.E. of the North Foreland. About their not striking no doubt the Board has it better than can be sent from me. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 112.*]

Aug. 18. Captain John Hart to the same. Captain Elliot will spare me 30
The *Rupert*, or 40 of his men, who are willing to come if their wages be paid
in the Downs. before sailing. For a week we have been spending our sea victuals.
I send copy of an old ticket of one of my company. No ship oars
were to be had at Portsmouth. [*Ibid. No. 113.*]

Aug. 18. Captain John Tinker, Jonas Shish, and J. Uthwat to the same.
Deptford. Certifying the tonnage of the stores sent to Port Mahon in the *Love*.
With a note of the freight thereof in sterling and in pieces of eight.
[*Ibid. No. 114.*]

Aug. 18. William Penn to the same. Stating that according to their orders
Kinsale. he had delivered the *Harp* to Thomas Chudley with her tackle, &c.,
desiring to be satisfied his disbursements connected with her
disposal, of which vouchers are sent, sending the muster book of the
Merlin, and desiring directions about the small quantity of naval
stores remaining there. [*Ibid. No. 115.*]

Aug. 18. Richard Gibson to the same. I received yours of 14 June on
Port Mahon. 4 August, when the *Crown* and *Tiger* arrived with their convoy. The
Admiral arrived the 7th with the *Advice*, and is cleaning. Since
my last letter (of which a copy is enclosed), the Governor demanded
an account of the provisions and stores lodged ashore, which I
refused without the leave of my superiors, but told him, if he would
send any to take an account, there would be no opposition, which he
refused, and told me no more provisions should come ashore, to
which I returned a passive answer, and went not near him till the
victuallers' arrival, when no discourse took place, nor was I willing
there should be, being told by the town bailiff, that after the
Governor's departure I might do what I would. Two days after,
Sunday the 6th, seeing the Governor still stayed, expecting a present
as I thought, I believed I might hasten his departure by a small one
of two firkins of butter, four Cheshire cheeses, two half-cases of
spirits, and two half-cases of knives, with a compliment that I
doubted not the Admiral would fully own the favours received from
him. After siesta I waited on him, having my minutes ready, which
I used. He, seeing I would not take a bare denial, made a notary
write down my demand, to which he gave answer. I said I would
not rest satisfied with this denial, but would adventure landing the
stores till they were withstood by his officers, and so left him and
his compliment of asking what service I had to command him at
Citadella, to which I answered, none there, but he could do me some
here if he pleased. Next morning, seeing persons at the waterside
appointed to withstand my landing provisions, I got all the com-
manders of the men-of-war and merchantmen in port on Mr. Bowers'

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quarter-deck with fourscore men from the *Crown* and *Tiger*, and attempted to land the biscuit as usual, but before eleven bags could be landed was withstood. Then I drew up a protest, but none of the notaries would meddle in it, so I was forced to present it in English, which the Governor refused to accept, but ordered a notary to write it as I wished, and send it to Lyons, a town two leagues off, where he lodged that night, and where he would stay next day to answer me. Next day, Tuesday, I sent my protest in Spanish with the Admiral's approval, and so nettled the Governor that, the notary says, he trembled every joint when he read it, and took three days to answer it, which is not yet done, except by sending a letter to the town bailiff, and getting it notified that I had seen it. This, with the leakiness of the hulk, being worm-eaten, has put such a stop to our proceedings that I am afraid demurrage will be unavoidable. All the natives were as concerned as ourselves in this rupture, and were sending to Court to plead on our behalf, till certain news came from Barcelona of the new Governors being there for the Isle and Castle. One of them sent to the Admiral for a frigate to waft him over.

Though complaint was made formerly of the elm board, what is now come is worse than ever. The pumps arrived are for chain, and the boxes, &c., for hand, so they are useless. I am sorry you do not mention a supply of money, for the Algerines seem disinclined to a peace, telling the Admiral when last there, that one would be of little advantage to them, as their ships are gone. Besides, a report came from Tabarca of their barbarously putting our Consul to death. What you order to-day will hardly come here in five months, and then going to market will take two months more. If our being prevented from bringing our bread to town continues, we must have money to keep us from want and diverting the ships from cruising. Providing for the sick and wounded makes the service cheerful, and not 600 pieces of eight extra charge in a year. Whole allowance keeps the men in strength, and ready money saves at least 20 per cent. in timely going to market. I give you an abstract of the expenditure of the contingent money. These victuals will carry us to Christmas, the fleet being victualled as per margin, and four months' at whole allowance being in store. The Admiral is angry that his lanterns are much broken, being sent uncased. I propose the unserviceable staves be sent to Malaga for fruit casks, as the Admiral says they cannot be sent to England by the *Portsmouth* frigate, as she is to take home the sick and the supernumeraries caused by the *Milford's* loss. I have got one of the coopers a drubbed coat, and put him on the *Golden Hand* to work as a sailor. He was so ill-conditioned that he hindered his consorts much in their work, and when I asked him to roll a cask, not a cable's length, from the water-side to the wine-house, he refused, saying he came for a cooper and not a porter. I have been put to it for labour, for rolling casks, pickling meat, &c. Captain Beare and his men helped so unwillingly that I wrote to him that I would use but one of them in future. I have since hired two Spaniards, each at a shilling plate a day, they finding their victuals, who do what is to be done without grumbling or expectation of drink. I am sorry the method I proposed for

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victualling is not accepted, as the Admiral concurred in it, as he has done in everything I have written. I ask that the wages be stopped of two seamen of the *Milford*, who were detected stealing tobacco, and stole away in the *Dragon* or *Deptford* ketch. I enclose the *Milford's* muster book. The Admiral intends to draw upon you for eight or ten thousand pieces of eight, believing it will be the cheapest way. [*Nearly 4 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 116.*] *Enclosed,*

- Aug. 6. 1. *Minutes to discourse the Governor. Giving reasons against his denial. [Ibid. No. 116I.]*
- Aug. 6. 2. *Gibson's demand and the Governor's reply as taken down by a notary. [Spanish. Ibid. No. 116II.]*
- Aug. 7. 3. *Certificate by the captains of the ships at Port Mahon, that accompanying Mr. Gibson to the Governor, they heard him own that the withstanding the landing of the bread was done by his order in obedience to some commands from the Court, which he would not otherwise have done. [Ibid. No. 116III.]*
- Aug. 8. 4. *Gibson's protest. [Ibid. No. 116IV.]*
- Aug. $\frac{10}{20}$. 5. *The Governor to the bailiff of Mahon. [Spanish. Notarial copy. Ibid. No. 116V.]*
- Aug. $\frac{18}{28}$. 6. *Another protest by Mr. Gibson to the Governor, and his answer. [Spanish. Notarial copy. Ibid. No. 116VI.]*
- April 26. 7. *Richard Gibson to Captain Amos Beare. [Copy. Ibid. No. 116VII.]*
8. *Copy of the Milford's muster book. [Ibid. No. 116VIII.]*
- Aug. 19. News-letter to William Scawen. [The first part is identical with last news-letter.] The 15th the King went to Tilbury to see the new fort, and on the 16th hunted in Epping Forest. The Spanish infantry marching from Ghent and Brussels, occasioned by the dislodging a German regiment from Dixmuyd and Nieuport, towards Namur, gave such jealousy to the Governor of Aeth that he caused part of the bastions which are fallen to be stopped at midnight with fagots, and those of Tournai and Lille were so alarmed that they wrote to the King that they were in danger of a surprise, and could not defend themselves without more forces, the soldiery left deserting their colours every day from want of pay. The Spanish galleys have been ordered from Palermo to stop going, the alarm of the Turks visiting those parts being over. The Swedes, finding that the Danes have lately fitted out some men-of-war, have ordered twenty of their own to be equipped. The Archbishop of Me[n]tz, by the Emperor's orders, took possession of Homburg, pawned to the Duke of Lorraine for money lent to the Count of Nassau. Jamaica letters of 25 May say a vessel arrived from the Governor of St. Domingo with copies of the articles of peace, and gave the Governor notice they intended to proclaim it on 23 June. The privateers that left

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Morgan are said to be in a sad condition, many of them starving at a place to leeward on Terra Firma, called Boca del Drago, where they died ten or twelve a day without hope of relief. Their coco trees were blasted again this May, and the Spaniards say all theirs are burnt up in the West Indies, so that they were sending to Caragua for nuts to plant. Mr. Ephraim Skinner is made Consul at Leghorn. There is a very high dispute among the Provinces about raising money and soldiers, so that those of Holland say they will withdraw their forces from the frontiers, if they shall put the whole burden on them. The Elector of Cologne proceeds with his levies, but the treaty with the city is at a stand. He seems much displeased that the Princes of Lünenburg have taken Hildesheim into their protection. The Princes of Simmern and Waldens have complained to the Imperial Diet that Maréchal de Crequi has plundered their countries, being part of the Empire. Dr. Bridgman, Dean of Chester, is made Bishop of Man, and holds his deanery and other preferments *in commendam*. On the 15th the *Algiers* and *Holmes* went to Spithead, whence they go with the *Diamond* to the Straits. The Maréchal du Plessis Praslin is ordered to Heidelberg to compliment the Elector and fetch the Princess to France, on whom the Duke of Orleans will settle 100,000 *livres per annum*. The great difficulty is her conversion, which the Duke requires, and she as yet seems much averse to. The Alger people on the news of Bugia were very inclinable to peace, but the Duana as obstinate. He ordered six of the chief of those that sent out vessels in corso immediately to send six ships to sea, which two of them refusing, saying there were not materials to be had, he ordered the confiscation of their estates, and hanged one of the others that refused. Captain Crow, of the *Merlin* yacht, was sent prisoner to the Tower for giving only one shot with ball at the Dutch fleet, and not continuing shooting till they struck sail to the King's flag. He says that Van Ghent went aboard him and demanded why he shot at the fleet, and when he told him it was because they gave not due respect to his Majesty, he replied that he had not such order, and that it was a matter to be disputed with the States at the Hague. The *Rainbow*, an East India ship, arrived in the Downs on the 17th. Letters from Leghorn of the 10th (N.S.) say that on the 3rd Sir Edward Spragg went into that road in the *Revenge* with the *Advice* and *Newcastle* frigates, and after five days' stay, without pratique or salutes from the town, sailed for Port Mahon. They make no mention of any action of Sir Edward's at Algiers. 'Tis said the *Milford* frigate being on the careen, as they were drying the bread-room, it by some accident fell on fire and burnt the frigate. [3 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 78.]

Aug. 19. Warrant to ——— Bradley, the messenger, to apprehend and convey Captain Thomas Crow, of the *Merlin* yacht, to the Tower. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 113.]

Aug. 19. Captain Anthony Deane to the Navy Commissioners. Pressing Portsmouth. earnestly for a supply of the stores demanded in his last. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 117.]

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- Aug. 19. Captain W. Fasby to the same. Desiring their order to the victualler for a supply of provisions, having only three or four days' left. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 118.]
Cleveland yacht, Portsmouth.
- Aug. 19. Daniel Furzer to [the same]. Requesting that six joiners be ordered to Woolwich from Deptford for a short time. [*Ibid.* No. 119.]
- Aug. 19. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing that the County Tyrone be put into the North-East circuit instead of the North-West, and the County Monaghan into the North-West instead of the North-East. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 98.*]
- Aug. 20. Sir William Hartopp to Williamson. I was lately at Carr's in Lincolnshire, and met Newton and Musgrave there. The alarm was of eighty soldiers who forced the branding of horses and all sorts of cattle under penalty of driving them away or taking 2s. 6d. a head for all unmarked. This rumour was believed in twenty or thirty towns or hamlets. Many thousands of cattle were marked, and it came about (according to the best intelligence) from some Forest lands, where it was a custom to mark their cattle, but concerning soldiers there was no such thing. This has done no prejudice at all, only the people were much amused, and marked all night, but are now satisfied in their folly. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 79.]
Rotherby, near Leicester.
- Aug. 20. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Last Friday the *Diamond*, *Holmes*, and *Algiers*, with seventeen merchantmen, sailed for the Straits, but from contrary winds put back this morning. The *Ann* of Leith arrived yesterday from Dieppe, where she landed 104 Scotch soldiers to serve the French King, commanded by Colonel Douglas. [*Ibid.* No. 80.]
Plymouth.
- Aug. 20. Richard Watts to Williamson. The *Reserve* sailed to-day for Deal. 'Tis reported her captain says if he meet the Dutch fleet and they strike not, he is to fight them, and many such strange reports, which deads the hearts of people, lest we should have war with Holland. A pink says that last Thursday he came through the Dutch fleet of above fifty sail to the south of Dunkirk. [*Ibid.* No. 81.]
- Aug. 20. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Shipping news. [*Ibid.* No. 82.]
Portsmouth.
- Aug. 21. Warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to grant to Col. Hercules Lowe the first King's land-waiter's place in the Customs, after those already disposed of, or if any fit occasion occur in the meantime, to make an equivalent provision for him, his faithful services having reduced him to great straits. [*Ibid.* No. 83, and *S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 114.*]
Whitehall.
- Aug. 21. Bernard Grenville to Williamson. Again requesting him to intercede with Lord Arlington to obtain his Majesty's reference on his petition. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 84.]
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College,
Gloucester.

Dr. Thomas Vyner to Williamson. Suspending a further account of things there till the assizes be over, when he will very likely write again, on condition that what he intended for a merry cabal may not pass the censure of the gravest, as he is informed that did, and asking him to use his influence with Lord Arlington, as the living of Stonehouse is very likely to become vacant by the death of Mr. Robson, now dangerously ill, to procure it for his wife's sister's husband, Mr. Parsons, chaplain to the Bishop of Gloucester, a good scholar, and yet but meanly preferred. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 85.]

Aug. 21.
Dover.

Francis Vernon to [Williamson]. Announcing the arrival of the Lord Ambassador [to France] the night before, who will sail as soon as the weather is favourable. [*Ibid.* No. 86.]

Aug. 21.

Charles, Earl of Derby and Lord of Man, to the King. Nomination of Henry Bridgeman, Dean of Chester, to the bishopric of Sodor and Man, vacant by the translation of Dr. Isaac Barrow to the see of St. Asaph. [*Latin. On parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II., Case C.*]

Aug. 21.

Caveat in favour of Lord Lovelace that no grant pass of the estate of Mr. ——— Veisy, of Chimney, Oxfordshire. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 32, p. 12.*]

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Reference to the Lords Justices of Ireland of the petition of Thomas Sandford, desiring a discharge of quit rents. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 37, p. 3.*]

Aug. 21.

Sir William Jennens to the master, mates, and warrant officers of the *Princess*. Warrant to survey the bread on board and to certify the quantity and quality thereof. *At foot,*

Sept. 23.

Their certificate that 4,549 lbs. of rusk were mouldy and unfit for food. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 120.] *Annexed,*

Sept. 25.

Similar warrant addressed to the commanders of five merchantmen, and similar certificate by them. [*Ibid.* No. 1201.]

Aug. 21.

Sir D. Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. I present an account of the receipt of money for this year's service and issue of victuals since 1 January last, with an estimate of the stores and an account of what is unpaid on former disbursements (for which privy seals have been granted), and of what I have otherwise disbursed for the service, for which I have had no allowance or satisfaction. Though I have had allowance of several disbursements, yet in regard of the time before payment thereof was ordered, and the time before actual payment will be made, together with other disbursements for which no allowance has been made, I fall exceedingly short of the satisfaction intended, and am thereby rendered less able to answer the victualling of the Navy, unless payments are made according to the last contract. Though the mariners' pay be wanting for a time, yet they must have victuals continually, or otherwise they will be apt to fall into great disorders. I have always been ready to have one or more joined in the contract, and accordingly the Attorney-General

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had directions to insert Sir Denny Ashburnham and John Ashburnham in place of Sir W. Penn, deceased, which was delivered to Lord Arlington not long before John Ashburnham's death, where it remains for the King's pleasure. I desire your explanation of the clause in the contract, obliging the victuallers to provide such quantities as shall be declared for by 15 October in each year, and also such further quantities as shall be declared for at any other time of the year, whether such further quantities are to be at the same rates as those declared for in October, or whether there shall be some reasonable allowance in respect of the dearness of provisions that may happen when they are declared for. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 121.] *Enclosed,*

Accounts showing that the total value of victuals issued from 1 January to 16 August last amounted to 42,423l. 7s. 8½d. against which 36,000l. had been received from the Exchequer 10 January. [Ibid. No. 121I.]

Aug. 16.

Detailed account of the above issues of victuals, the value of which, with 1,107l. 3s. 4d., the value of victuals provided at Kinsale, amounts to 43,530l. 11s. 0½d., which, with what is due on the account to 31 December 1670, and not yet settled, because the pursers' receipts are not returned from the Straits for the provisions sent thither, amounting to 5,810l. 1s. 10¼d., and 8,198l. 13s. 6¼d., the value of the provisions remaining in store, amounts to the total sum of 57,539l. 6s. 5d. [3 pages. Ibid. No. 121II.]

Memorandum that no vouchers have appeared for provisions for 82,670 men for one day in Sir D. Gauden's account, though most if not all were really issued, being for ships in the Downs and at the Buoy of the Nore, the value of which is 2,755l. 13s. 4d., and also that he has not charged himself with the money paid by the Navy Commissioners for provisions issued at Leghorn, though he has credited himself for the said provisions issued since 1 January 1670-1. [Ibid. No. 121III.]

Aug. 16.

Account by Sir Denis Gauden of moneys assigned for victualling the Navy before 31 December 1668 and not yet paid, and an abstract of disbursements made by him for victualling the Navy between 1 November 1660 and 31 December 1668, for which no allowance has been hitherto made, and for which he craves to be considered. The former amount to 91,850l. 4s. 4¾d., of which 45,167l. 11s. 3d. and 8,516l. 6s. 9½d. are assigned on the Act for imposition on wines and the rest on the hearth money. The latter amount to 45,057l. 4s. 1¼d., mostly for interest on the sums assigned but unpaid. Noted that he had besides disbursed a considerable sum for store-houses and other accommodation for the victualling, without which it had been impossible to have complied with his Majesty's service during the late war, and without which the victualling cannot be carried on in a time of extraordinary action. [Ibid. No. 121IV.]

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 Aug. 21. *Estimate of what provisions will be required for the ships named, together with those in the Straits, from that date till 31 December, amounting to 21,567l. 2s. 8d. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 121v.]*
- Aug. 21. Memorials of two protections in the ordinary form, each for three years, to Andrew, Lord Rolloch, and Homer(?) Stevinson respectively. [S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 255.]
 Whitehall.
- Aug. 21. Commission to John, Lord Yester, and his deputies to uplift the arrears of excise on ale, beer, *aqua vitæ*, and inland salt in Scotland between 1 January 1655 and 1 May 1661, and also the arrears of excise on wines imported of the vintage of 1660. [Docquet. *Ibid.* p. 256.]
 Whitehall.
- Aug. 21. Warrant to the Treasury Commissioners in Scotland for allowing to Sir William Sharp, cash-keeper, 400l. sterling, in consideration of his by-past extraordinary charges. [Docquet. *Ibid.* p. 257.]
 Whitehall.
- Aug. 21. Warrant to the Privy Council of Scotland to continue the adjournment of the Parliament to 23 April 1672. [*Ibid.* p. 258.]
 Whitehall.
- Aug. 21. Warrant for a gift to John, Earl of Lauderdale, for life, of the office of Captain, Keeper, and Governor of the Bass, and of the rents and profits of the said isle. [Docquet. *Ibid.* p. 259.]
 Whitehall.
- [1671.] Theobald, Lord Brittas, to the king. Having lately presented a petition setting forth his unparalleled grievance, and especially his present condition, being unable to discharge the debts contracted by his attendance for six months past, or the expenses returning to Ireland, which was referred to the Lords of the Treasury, who declared they would do nothing without the king's express command, praying that orders be given for his immediate relief. [S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 175A.]
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 Aug. 21. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Whereas by former letters 2,000l. *per annum* were added to the *concordatum* money, directing him to issue *concordatum* warrants for paying yearly to Richard, Earl of Westmeath, Viscount Netterville, Viscount Iveagh, Mrs. Anne Dempsey, Lord Bremingham, Lord Castle Connell, Sir Patrick Barnwall, and Sir William Talbot, 150l. apiece; to Lord Upper Ossory, Lord Dunboyne, Lord Brittas, Colonel Macgillicuddy, Macarty Reagh, and Colonel Gilbert Talbot 100l. apiece; and to Edward Goffe, James Dillon of Ballymully, and Thomas Terrell of Fartullagh 50l. apiece, all sterling, to be paid by half-yearly payments to commence on 1 November next. [S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 102.]
 Whitehall.
- Aug. 22. William Assheton to Williamson. Requesting him, if possible, to secure him from other competitors for the deanery of Bangor, vacant by the death of Bishop Williams, till he can either be assured that the Duke of Ormonde, whose chaplain he is, has received his petition, or else may have opportunity, if necessary, to renew it. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 87.]
- Aug. 22. John Carlile to Williamson. Mr. Montague, Lord Ambassador [to France], embarked at eight last night for Calais on the *Henrietta* yacht. They have had a stormy night, as the seamen judge. [*Ibid.* No. 88.]
 Dover.

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- Aug. 22. The King to the Warden of New College, and the other Electors to Winchester College. Recommending Richard Hughes for a scholarship at Winchester at the next election, his father having been very active and instrumental in the Restoration, having been particularly employed therein by Lord Ashley. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 168.*]
- Aug. 22. Letter to the Provost and Fellows of Eton, recommending Vere, Andrew, and Fabian, sons of Fabian Phillips, to be scholars there. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 76.*]
- Aug. 22. Grant to Thomas Lamplugh, Esq., of the offices of steward of the manor, lands, &c., of the honour or castle of Windsor in the county of Berks, of clerk of the constable of the castle, and of clerk of the castle on the surrender of William Tayleur. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 114.*]
- Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 89.*]
- Draft of a similar grant, but to Thomas Lamplugh and Charles Whitaker jointly. [*Ibid. No. 90.*]
- Aug. 22. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I cannot positively
Chatham recommend any one for the place of master plumber. I know no
Dock. fault in the little work Bartholomew Lake has done here. From what I can gather, he may be fit for the employment. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 122.*]
- Aug. 22. Joseph Lawrence to the same. I have chosen out 100 loads of
Chatham. Bolling's timber, and have marked twenty of Lord Winchelsea's oaks, and desire your warrant to the storekeeper for receipt of the former. [*Ibid. No. 123.*]
- Aug. 22. John Owen to the same. Mr. Gould has not fetched away all the
Chatham ground tow he bought, and the room where it is stored is wanted.
Ropeyard. There is tar for only five weeks in store. [*Ibid. No. 124.*]
- Aug. 22. Captain John Hart to the same. Acquainting them that he had
The *Rupert*, come thither from the Downs by his Royal Highness's orders. [*Ibid.*
at the Buoy No. 125.]
of the Nore.
- Aug. 22. Peter Bronsdon to the same. The *St. Jacob* has now 242 tons on
Cork. board, and wants forty or fifty more to complete her loading, which is all that is to be had out of this wood. The delay has been caused by the badness of the timber and the difficulty of carriage. I find not more than four tons that would be acceptable in both the woods at Bantry, the timber proving very unsound, so I do not find where to get more timber on Sir F. Hollis's account. Sir Richard Kyrle will probably send over 40,000 treenails in the *St. Jacob*, but will not accept of the terms of payment offered. If any timber be bought of Sir William Petty, he must bring over workmen from England, or it will take longer than this. I ask leave to come over to clear my accounts. I hear of no one that will deal for any timber, for the trouble Sir F. Hollis had in hewing and drawing this has made all the country cry out he is undone by it, nor do I hear of any other woods besides those I have given you an account of. The *St. Jacob* will sail about the beginning of next month. [*Ibid. No. 126.*]

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- Aug. 22. Captain William Hannam to the same. The *St. David* will
Woolwich. hardly be ready to undock next spring, nor the *Kent* to dock. I
believe that she is not leaky, as reported, but may ride safely afloat.
[*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 127.]
- Aug. 22. Roger Howen to the same. Requesting a month's leave to visit
Woolwich. his mother, who is ancient and infirm, and that his brother Thomas
Etheridge may be permitted to take his duty. [*Ibid.* No. 128.]
- Aug. 22. Dory Tayler, wife of Richard Tayler, brazier at Chatham, to the
same. Requesting them to write to Mr. Wren that her husband
may have some of the Duke's copper taken at Harwich, in part dis-
charge of his old bills, amounting to above 700*l.*, for stores supplied.
[*Ibid.* No. 129.]
- Aug. 22. Theophila, wife of Thomas Miller, to the same. Petition stating
the former services of her husband on board several of the King's
ships, and the wounds he had received, and that when mate of the
Postilion he had been impressed on board the *Diamond*, and pray-
ing for his discharge, as she is like to die of poverty and sorrow.
[*Ibid.* No. 130.] *Annexed,*
Certificate by several persons supporting the petition. [*Ibid.*
No. 130*l.*]
- Aug. 22. Commissioner John Cox to the same. Concerning Bartholomew
Chatham. Lake, whom he had advised to procure certificates of efficiency from
those he had formerly served, and from the Masters and Wardens
of the Plumbers' Company. As he has not hitherto done this,
he cannot recommend him, but suggests his being employed there
to try him. [*Ibid.* No. 131.]
- Aug. 22. The same to the same. In reply to their letter of the 8th, which
approved of Mr. Pett's conduct in branding Mr. Amherst's bill for
timber, giving a long narrative of all the circumstances relating to
the same, and the contract for it, and defending his own conduct
against Mr. Pett, whom he charges with being a liar, and ready to
perjure himself. [6 pages. *Ibid.* No. 132.]
- Aug. 22. John Lanyon to Lord Brounker, Samuel Pepys, and J. Tippetts.
Plymouth. Thanking him for their acknowledgment of his services at Plymouth,
requesting them to pay the bearer the various advances made them
there and at Exeter and Bristol, amounting to 44*l.* in all, and stat-
ing that the slates would be sent by the first vessel for London.
[*Ibid.* No. 133.]
- Aug. 22. Captain Roger Strickland to Sir Jeremy Smyth. I will bring up
The *Kent* at the ship at Woolwich as soon as a pilot comes, and will work night
Halfway Tree. and day to have her ready to dock next Friday. [*Ibid.* No. 134.]
- Aug. 22. Richard, Viscount Ranelagh, to Williamson. On behalf of Mr.
Darcy who informs him that Lord Arlington makes some difficulty
in procuring his Majesty's letter in a concern of his which has passed
the Lords of the Treasury, his pretence being very just. [*S.P. Ire-*
land, Car. II. 330, No. 176.]

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 Aug. 23. William Lowe, under-sheriff of Staffordshire, to Williamson. Having received a reproof by letter from Whitehall for going about to arrest William Ward of Pengerage, in regard he is one of the King's servants, desiring to know whether the letter came from Williamson, or was one of Mr. Ward's tricks for his own safety, as it was charged 3*d.* and not franked. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 91.*]
- Aug. 23. Order in Council that for the future no temporalities of any bishopric, *sede vacante*, shall be granted to the succeeding bishop, and that no person offer anything to his Majesty for his signature contrary to this order. [*Ibid. No. 92.*]
- Aug. 23. Thomas Holden to Williamson. Shipping news, and account of
 Falmouth. an accident to a boat belonging to the *Harp* of Dublin, by which the captain, three seamen, and a gentlewoman, a passenger, were drowned. [*Ibid. No. 93.*]
- Aug. 23. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Identical with the last. [*Ibid.*
 Falmouth. *No. 94.*]
- [Aug. 23 ?] Memorandum that Charles Aldworth, Demy of Magdalen, is recommended by the President, Dr. Pierce, for a *mandamus* for a fellowship at the next election, which the King has granted. [*Ibid. No. 95.*]
- Aug. 23. Letter to the President and Fellows of Magdalen College. Directing them to elect Charles Aldworth to the next vacant fellowship. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 76.*]
- Aug. 23. Licence in the usual form to Sir Mark Ognate to use his gun. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 114.*]
- Aug. 24. The King to the Corporation of Coventry, signifying his pleasure that they do not elect Abel Brookesby, practitioner in physic and chirurgery—who during the late wars applied himself, at his own expense, to the curing of many sick and wounded officers and soldiers, both of the army of our late father and of others who had been at the battle of Worcester, and who continues the same practice chiefly among the meaner sort of people for charity—to the office of Mayor, or any other office in the corporation which might impede him in such charitable exercise of his profession, but on the contrary, that they should give him all fitting encouragement. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 96, and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 30.*]
- Aug. 24. John Carlile to Williamson. I received the letter about M
 Dover. d'Ognate's son, and saw him safe on board. He sailed at nine on Tuesday night. At five yesterday afternoon the Ambassador Montague went on board the second time, and sailed for Calais. *Postscript.*—Asking advice how to get his money out of Mr. Bl[ayney]'s hands, which he unjustly detains. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 97.*]
- Aug. 24. Dr. Thomas Yates to Sir Leoline Jenkyns. You should have had an earlier acknowledgment, but that the Vice-Chancellor, expecting

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Sir Mark O[g]nate, the Spanish Ambassador, here on Monday or next morning, desired it might be after he went; but he not coming, yesterday morning the Dean and I waited on him, and on the offer I made him he declared how reasonable it was, and that he will promote it with all his power, and to-day or to-morrow will call the Delegacy of Printing together to move them in what Mr. Seymour offers, and then to offer our design also. My endeavour is to place our power of printing here on the same foot that the late King's great charter doth; that is, upon our prescription and usage, which if we can, then we have a right before all patents of restraint and reservation of the sole printing of some books, and then we shall not be restrained by the patents granted to the King's printers, the Stationers, and others, but shall be at liberty to comprint with them all their books, which is all we shall desire, for we are resolved to print better and with more care than those that now print, and to sell cheaper, which is the proper and best use we can make of such a privilege. Such gross mistakes shall not be in ours as 15 in the last 8vo edition of theirs, in which there is one speaking of Achitophel; instead of his putting his household in order, it is his shoulder, and then hanged himself. The story of Archbishop Bouchier's bringing the press to Oxford may be of some use as to our usage and possession of it. Had we needed a grant of it, Cardinal Wolsey, in that great charter he got us from Henry VIII., would not have missed such a privilege. Since we had the possession and use of it for 160 years before any grant, and that confirmed by the Act of 13 Eliz., we hope this will fix it there, and if so, that it may give us a power to comprint any book with those that have patents to print solely. Sir John Birkenhead can direct how to find out that story of Archbishop Bouchier. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 98.]

Aug. 24. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Giving an account of the
Truro. accident mentioned in Holden's letter of the day before. [*Ibid.*
No. 99.]

Aug. 24. Sir John Robinson to Williamson. For all the air and exercise,
Farmingwoods. I cannot get clear of my cold and hoarseness. Last Tuesday I had to dine with me Earl Shrewsbury, with his grandfather Earl Cardigan, Earl Westmoreland, Lord Hinchinbrooke, Lord Brudenell, Lord Montagu, Arthur Montagu. Lord Cullen and others come a-coursing to-day. I sent to Billing, in your name, a fat buck to the ladies. If it were not for the entertaining his Royal Highness with the Artillery Company the 12th of next month, I would not stir this month. [*Ibid.* No. 100.]

Aug. 24. News-letter to Mr. Worth, collector, Falmouth. [The first part is identical with the last news-letter.] The 18th the *Diamond*, *Holmes*, and *Algiers* frigates arrived at Plymouth for the Straits, convoying several merchantmen. Genoese letters of the 12th confess the mistake of their last, being better informed by Captain Langston of the *Newcastle*, sent by Sir Edward Spragg to buy necessaries for the fleet, after which he goes to Port Mahon to meet Sir Edward, who then goes to Algiers. A bark from Algiers says

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the Algerines are now much afraid of the English, and he could find no prize goods there to spend his money on, so brought home only redeemed Christians. The *Annunciation* and *Golden Falcon*, lately arrived at Venice from Tripoli, report that seven corsairs were returned to port, bringing in nine prizes. An English and two Dutch ships from Venice homewards met them, and after some dispute were overpowered by them. One of the Dutch blew itself up; the other, the *King David*, they carried away; but the English, in observance of their treaty they dismissed. The *Rosa Mocenigo*, from Smyrna, reported that the Bassa of Athens was very intent on advancing its trade, and had made an edict that whosoever brought woollen manufactures directly thither should pay but single custom, but should pay as usual if they called at other places. The Grand Signior was at Philippopoli intending to go to Sophia with his Court. Two Maltese galleys passed towards Candia, where they found four other corsairs of Malta, two of Leghorn, and one French, who cruised there, but dared not adventure on the caravan from Alexandria to Constantinople, because of their convoy. The letters from Sweden say that M. Pomponé's servants were arrived, and himself not above a day from them. His errand, though pretended to settle a fair commerce between the two crowns, is supposed to be chiefly to win the Swedes to his party. Mr. Coventry, Ambassador Extraordinary to Sweden, certainly starts the end of this week, or beginning of next. Lord Berkeley, the Lord Lieutenant, goes to Ireland next week. On the 20th the *Rupert* went from the Downs to the Nore, and the *Reserve* to Portsmouth. The reason those of Florence gave for denying pratique to Sir Edward at Leghorn was because he had been at Port Mahon, and the plague was reported in some parts of Spain, but they offered, if he and all his officers would shift themselves in the lazaretto, they should have liberty to come ashore, which he refused, and immediately sailed for Port Mahon again. A French vessel from Lisbon that had touched in Spain was allowed pratique the day after Sir Edward left. Three French galleys and two galliots went into Leghorn, who, 'twas said, were shot out of Spezzia by the Genoese because they would not salute, and that one of them who had her mast shot down was returned home to repair. They were intended to cruise about the islands there, and in a few days return and go home. From Rome orders are said to be sent to the Nuncio in Flanders to endeavour to compose the affront to Sir William Jennings, because he would not strike at Civita Vecchia. As soon as the Princess designed for Monsieur comes into France, she is first to go to her aunt, the Abbess of Mauvoise, whither the Archbishop of Paris shall go to instruct her in the Roman religion. This week there decreased in the general bill 27, the total being 358, whereof of the plague two, both in Redriff parish. [3 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 101.]

Aug. 24.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Shipping news. [*Ibid.* No. 102.]

Aug. 24.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a Privy Seal for payment to Laurence Hyde, Master of the Robes, of 343*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.*, to pay for goods furnished by several

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tradesmen for the King's service. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 111.] *Annexed,*

Note of the several tradesmen's bills for which the aforesaid sum was ordered, being those of a mercer, milliner, lace-seller, haberdasher, hosier, tailor, &c. [Ibid. f. 112.]

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The King to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London. As in and about London there are several heretical, schismatical, and treasonable books, pamphlets, libels, &c., printed by persons who, though free of other companies, exercise the stationer's trade, and plead exemption from the rules of the Stationers' Company; desiring that all dealers in books be subject to the rules of the company, that these inconveniences may be prevented in future, wherefore they are, according to ancient custom, to suppress all intermeddlers in the Stationers' trade who are not members of the company, or to turn them over into the company to enjoy its benefits and obey its constitutions; and also those of the Stationers' Company who exercise other trades are to be turned over to the companies whose trade they exercise. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 76.]

Two drafts thereof. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, Nos. 103, 104.]

Aug. 24.
Whitehall.

Writ of assistance to John Ogilby, the King's Cosmographer, for his work, "*A Geographical Description of the Whole World*," several volumes of which have been published, as for the compiling of the volume on Great Britain on which he is now engaged he requires access to church books and other public registers, and information about things most observable in the several counties, and about the residences of the nobility and gentry, and also help in affixing marks for the direction of travellers, and ascertaining the distances from stage to stage. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 31.]

Aug. 24.
Portsmouth.

Captain Ralph Frare to the Navy Commissioners. Expressing his satisfaction at their letter about the 100*l.* imprest, and offering to fetch another loading of deals on the terms of the last contract. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 135.]

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The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing him to cause letters patent to be passed, granting to Luke, Earl of Fingall, in fee simple, all the reversions, remainders, and further interest that might be vested in the Crown after the estate tail limited by a settlement made by his grandfather, to which the said Earl was restored by the Court of Claims. [Draft settled by Sir Heneage Finch. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 177.]

Aug. 24.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing a *quo warranto* against the inhabitants of Dundalk. (In nearly the same words as the letter of 5 May on the same subject, calendared *ante*, p. 218.) [S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 103.]

Aug. 25.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Yesterday Captain Man and Mr. Blake, the new Farmers' Commissioners for settling their

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officers, came here, which they have done, and go westward tomorrow. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 105.*]

Aug. 25. Sir John Shaw and Fr[ancis] Millington to Williamson. For such Custom House. goods as appertained to any Resident, being necessities for his house and family, no custom was ever demanded; but where any merchandise appears there is no notice taken of Ambassadors more than other people, for they pay the same custom. The case of the Venetian Resident is the same, for there are several chests of ordinary glasses for merchandise, for which custom must be paid, unless the King will take it on his own account, and cause the Lords of the Treasury to give warrant for defalcation. [*Ibid. No. 106.*]

Aug. 25. William Hurt to Williamson. Expressing his gratitude for his Dartmouth. letter to Captain Man, who had told him of it when there, but what will be the issue he knows not. [*Ibid. No. 107.*]

Aug. 25. Reference to the Attorney-General of the petition of Lady Davenant concerning the quay before Dorset Garden. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 37, p. 3.*]

Aug. 26. Philip Lanyon to James Hicke. Sending a list of ships arrived Plymouth. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 108.*]

Aug. 26. Michael Arnold, junior, to Williamson. Begging him to put in the next *Gazette* the enclosed notice of a feast to be kept by all those gentlemen born in Westminster, of which he is one of the stewards. [*Ibid. No. 109.*] *Enclosed,*

The said notice, to the effect that it is to be kept on Thursday, September 7, and that tickets may be had up to the previous Saturday at Mr. Gill's at the coffee house in King Street.
[*Ibid. No. 109L.*]

Aug. 26. News-letter to William Scawen. [The first part is identical with last news-letter.] The French King, perceiving, notwithstanding the punishing all deserters by death, his army daily to lessen, has published a general pardon for all that have deserted his service and gone to foreigners, of whom 'tis said there are above 10,000, that they may return in safety, and has added a penny a day to the pay of those that continue. Mareschal d'Humieres, Governor of Lille, has sent word that the Comte de Monterey, visiting the places of Flanders that belong to Spain, had sent the Comte de Rache, Governor of Ypres, to complain of a Court (in the next news-letter a "custom-house") the Mareschal had set up on the borders, and to demand the reason, pretending it was in the Spanish territories. He answered that he would write to Court concerning it, but he understands since that the said Count, without expecting an answer, with some troops has beaten down the Court and carried away the registers, adding that the Count told him from the Comte de Monterey that as the Most Christian King had passed with his troops on the territories of Spain without opposition, he should make use of the same liberty on those of France. The King has ordered the Mareschal to send troops to re-establish the said Court with or against their will, and to draw down all his troops to see

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if the Spaniard will give them resistance. The Spanish Governors complaining to the French that they pursued deserters to their very cannon, contrary to the laws of nations, the French sent an account of it to their King, who approved it, but the Spaniards finding the same thing done again, shot from their garrison (in the next newsletter is added "at Holle") and killed some of the French, taking those that fled into their protection. The French went with 1,500 men to attack Homburg, but being told it would be a manifest rupture of their peace with the Empire, returned without attempting anything; yet some think by the King's erecting magazines on the frontiers, that he intends to do somewhat on Germany. The prohibition of French wines in Holland is now likely to go on, those of Dordrecht, Rotterdam, and Amsterdam having already agreed to it, and those of Zealand and others expected suddenly to give their consent. There is a report that Van Ghent will be sent with a squadron to Spain. Sir Charles Wheeler, who was sent to take on behalf of the English that part of St. Christopher's which belonged to them before the late war, has given an account to the King that the French on his arrival surrendered it according to articles. The French King sends again propositions for commerce to the Grand Signior, with orders if they find him not inclinable to return immediately. On the 23rd a Dutch fleet of about 20, with two men-of-war, sailed from St. Helens for Cadiz. On Monday his Majesty goes to Windsor to spend a week, and has declared that on the 25th of next month he will go towards Norfolk. [*3 $\frac{3}{4}$ pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 110.*]

Aug. 26.
Portsmouth.

Anthony Deane to the Navy Commissioners. I have put your orders about the twelve pinnaces into execution, and for that purpose have bought twenty loads of elm timber, there being no elm in store, for receiving which your warrant is desired. Sprucia deals, pitch, and rosin, are still much wanted. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 136.*]

Aug. 26.
Woolwich.

Daniel Furzer to the same. Giving an account of the charge of repairing the *Ruby's* galleries. Timber is much wanted for the repairs of the *Bristol*, without which the men cannot be kept employed much longer. [*Ibid. No. 137.*]

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Edward Boutwell to the same. Requesting them to review his papers now before them, with his Royal Highness's reference, concerning the post of master caulker at Chatham. [*Ibid. No. 138.*]

Aug. 26.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing the prosecution of Sir Daniel Bellingham, the operative part being in the same terms as the letter of the 5th, but the recitals being somewhat different. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 98.*]

Aug. 26.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant, or in his absence to the Lords Justices. Directing letters patent to be passed for the translation of Robert [Leslie], Bishop of Raphoe, to the bishopric of Clogher, vacant by the decease of John [Leslie], the late Bishop. [*Ibid. p. 127.*]

Draft thereof, with some variations. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 178.*]

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Stamford.

Colonel Edward Villiers to Williamson. Being so far on my return from Tynemouth Castle, where I met the engineer sent by his Majesty to view that and other places of the North, I beg you to send the enclosed as soon as it comes to your hands. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 111.]

Aug. 27.
Portsmouth.

Charles Collier, for Hugh Salesbury, to Williamson. On Friday, about 30 Dutch merchantmen and four men-of-war passed this, bound for the Straits. The *Reserve* is arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 112.]

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Horsham
Prison.

Ambrose Rigge to the King. "I do without any manner of deceit or reservation whatsoever bear true and faithful allegiance to thee, neither was I ever an enemy to thy father or thee in word or deed, so as to seek any hurt to your persons or Government, nor (I hope) never shall, for I hate the thought of it in myself or any other in whomsoever it shall appear; yet have I suffered strait and close imprisonment well nigh this ten years, because I dare not break the command of Christ to swear, which nothing short of the mighty arm of the Lord could have supported me under to this day, who hath commanded me to write to thee, that as he once eminently delivered thee out of the hands of thy enemies in Sussex, that thou wouldest deliver one of his oppressed servants from his strait and close imprisonment there, it being wholly left to thy power and pleasure to do it by law. This I was commanded by the Lord to desire of thee, otherwise I should have still continued in quiet and patient suffering without acquainting thee therewith, as hitherto I have done." [*Ibid.* No. 113.]

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Ambrose Rigge, prisoner in Horsham Gaol, Sussex, to the King. Petition for release, having been in that loathsome place ten years, because he dare not go against his conscience in swearing, though he bears a loyal and faithful heart towards his Majesty's Government. [*Ibid.* No. 114.]

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Dr. Fell to Williamson. I hoped ere this you would have seen your friends here, and what is better, your own benefaction here, wherefore I delayed transmitting the catalogue you desired, but now I shall speedily send you an account as soon as I have run over a large collection which Mr. Scott says he has drawn out on your account. I now on behalf of the University propose your joining Sir Leoline Jenkins and some other of your friends in a delegacy, of which Sir Leoline will give you the details. [*Ibid.* No. 115.]

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Dr. Fell to Sir Leoline Jenkins. Mr. Principal and myself last week reminded the Vice-Chancellor of the speedy expiration of our bargain with the Stationers, and the necessity of coming to a resolution concerning the future disposal of it. The Principal proposed finding persons to undertake the whole affair of printing here, and to secure the interest of the University, which, being now left to a general care, is wretchedly neglected. Mr. John Seymour happening to come here last Thursday about the bestowing of his patent on us, the Vice-Chancellor called a meeting, and intimated the proposal made about the Press, which all the delegates seemed very well satisfied with. Now we apprehend that besides the Principal's and my

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industry here, it will be necessary to have your countenance and Mr. Williamson's in London, if the King's Printers, Mr. Norton, and the Stationers combine against us, as we have all reason to expect. We therefore lately desired you would make one with us, and now entreat you to discourse the proposal to Mr. Williamson. I studiously conceal my name, and shall yours, here as yet, the transaction being to be kept secret as long as possible. Meantime we shall be glad to know what Mr. Williamson will do, for as soon as we are assured of our company we purpose immediately to make provision for our work, and get a stock in readiness, that we may not be to seek when the expiration of our term (next Lady Day) sets our hands free. I am told from Lincoln that there is no talk at all of resigning, which I see makes poor Dr. Marshall out of countenance. If he upon discouragement should leave us, it would be a fatal wound to our business. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 116.]

Aug. 27. Dr. Thomas Yates to Sir Leoline Jenkins. On the same business as the last. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ page. *Ibid.* No. 117.]

Aug. 27. Warrant to the Lord Keeper to pass Lord Dillon's patent for discharge of quit rents upon his estate in Ireland. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 114.]

Aug. 27. Warrant for a pardon to Charles Massonet, for the death and killing of Mr. Robert Pemberton, with restitution of lands and goods. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 27. Warrant for making the *Hopewell* a free ship, at request of George Hailes, Consul at Venice, who took it to secure a desperate debt, during the late Dutch war, and sent it to London, where 700*l.* has been spent upon it, so that it is in a manner English built, and no foreigner has any interest in it. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 27. The King to the Earl of Bath. Ordering him to raise 50 volunteers for Tangiers, part of 100 volunteers, and cause them to be shipped at Plymouth. Any disbursements he may thereby incur will be repaid him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 35A, f. 26.]

Aug. 27. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing him to give effectual warrant whereby Colonel John Fitzpatrick for his many eminent and faithful services may receive 2,000*l.*, out of the sum of 5,415*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.*, secured by the recognizance dated 8 May last, of Edward Corker and others, or out of the remaining part of the 19,491*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* due upon the balance of the account of Sir George Carteret, late Vice-Treasurer. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 8, p. 99.]

Aug. 27. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. In favour of the Earl of Fingall, Whitehall. in the terms of the draft of the 24th calendared *ante*, p. 447. [*Ibid.* p. 102.]

Aug. 27. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing letters patent to be passed, appointing Col. Cary Dillon master and worker of the Mint now to be re-established in Ireland at the annual fee of 500*l.*, to commence from the date thereof. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *Ibid.* p. 104.]

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 179.]

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Coventry.

Ralph Hopes to Williamson. [Part, being the news about Mr. Overton's arrest and Mr. Barnes' duel, is identical with the news-letter of 5 Sept., in *Fleming Calendar*, p. 82.] The old Farmers of the Excise having sub-farmed it to others who are mere strangers to us, and their officers being very severe, they have at Warwick so far exceeded their authority, as it is supposed, that several have brought actions against them, as for instance breaking open doors on suspicion, in which it is thought the officers will get the worse, the town being jointly concerned and Lord Brooke espousing its interest. A duel was lately happily prevented between Sir John Hales, and Mr. Hopkins, our burgess, who married sisters, though they met in the field. An unhappy quarrel had like to have happened lately betwixt Lord Brooke and Sir William Bromley in their mirth at Warwick, but was happily appeased, though, as is said, not without some blows. There has lately been a strangely ridiculous and idle report about both our town and country, about the spiriting away of young children to be killed for their blood to cure the French King of a leprosy, which absurd whimsey has taken such impression among the vulgar and ignorant that many parents will not suffer their children to go to school. We daily expect our new bishop. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 118.]

Aug. 28.
Truro.

Hugh Acland to James Hicke. Mentioning the arrival of some of the new Farmers of the Customs and their officers. [*Ibid.* No. 119.]

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Carlisle.

Sir Christopher Musgrave to Williamson. I came here last week, having spent some time visiting our friends in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire. His Majesty's service obliged me to a considerable stay in Yorkshire. I wish I could return you a satisfactory account of that affair in relation to the money and the frank acting of the Commissioners. Yorkshire for the whole year raises but 18,000*l.*, and at 70,000*l. per mensem* it raised 45,000*l.*, so the sum will no more answer what the Parliament designed, than the methods pursued were agreeable to the letter of the law. As an instance, when the Act was read to the assessors the clear yearly value was thus interpreted: all chimney money, cesses to church and poor, servants' wages and the necessary support of one's family, were to be deducted, and the remainder was the clear yearly value, so the King's part would be little, as was observed publicly by one of the assessors. At another place it was declared that the Parliament intended only a fourth part to be charged. In Westmoreland, after a sub-division, when the assessors returned the estates at a full value, they were ordered to bring a return only of the fourth part. This county did not want artifices neither. It is very sad to find so little zeal where the public safety and honour are concerned. My father now lives in Westmoreland. I see a great decay in him. [2½ pages. *Ibid.* No. 120.]

Aug. 28.
Stoke.

Robert Brent to Thomas Raban. Private affairs. I am glad to hear the news of a Lord Treasurer, but should be more so if he were really made and sworn. [*Ibid.* No. 121.]

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Lyme.

Anthony Thorold to James Hicke. A person from Rotterdam, five days ago, passed through a fleet of Dutch men-of-war of 45 sail

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off Middleburgh, four more at the Isle of Wight. They have taken in provisions for six weeks more. This being the day for the election of the new Mayor, choice is just made of Amiell Hart, a person formerly very much following conventicles and private meetings, but lately a very exact Conformist, both in coming to church and to divine service. Several vessels have lately left, outward bound. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 123.]

Aug. [Before the 28th.] The Dean and Chapter of Durham to Lord Arlington. Stating their reasons against appointing Mr. Collingwood as Registrar, and the qualifications of Mr. Ralph Hedley for that office. [2 pages. *Ibid.* No. 124.]

Aug 28. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Durham. They having represented the great prejudice it would be to the affairs of the cathedral if Rob. Collingwood, recommended by his Majesty for their Registrar, in place of one Bullock, deceased, were elected, he being altogether unqualified, leaving them full freedom in the choice of such person as they think fit. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 35B, f. 15.]

Aug. 28. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland of Sir N. Armorer's proposals concerning Dungannon Fort, in the name of the Duke of Ormonde. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 37, p. 3.]

[1671.] [Aug. ?] The King to the Lord Lieutenant. After reciting that Sir Hans Hamilton, Henry Loftus, James Wachope, Mary Traill and John Traill had obtained the certificates therein mentioned from the late Commissioners for executing the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, adjudging to them respectively the lands comprised in the respective certificates at the respective rents therein mentioned, duplicates of which had been returned to the Auditor-General's office, but that the original certificates had been lost or mislaid, and consequently letters patent for the said lands could not be passed, requiring him, if these allegations prove true, to have letters patent passed of the said lands on the production of copies of the duplicate certificates from the Auditor-General's office. [*Draft, probably annexed to a petition of the persons interested, to show the order desired.* 1½ page. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II.*, 330, No. 180.]

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Aug. 28. Reference to the Lords Justices of Ireland of Sir Hans Hamilton's petition. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 37, p. 3.]

Aug. 28. Reference to the Attorney-General of Anthony Norris' petition, desiring pardon for having practised surgery without a licence, that he may certify if there is any legal difficulty in his Majesty's remitting the penalty, the petitioner being a near kinsman to Madame Nurse. [*Ibid.* p. 5.]

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Chatham.

Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. Major Dorrell has returned the boat formerly supplied him, and desires that the one in her place be built with a deck, to be fit to fetch water for the garrison. 3,000 deals are offered for sale here, which I suggest should be bought, as very few are in store. I request that 300*l.* or 400*l.* left after the workmen had been paid their quarter's pay be imprested to Mr. Gregory, for payment of board wages to the pressed men. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 299, No. 139.]

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The *Rupert* at
the Buoy of
the Nore.

Captain John Hart to the same. My sudden departure for the Downs prevented my getting any of Captain Eliot's men, but I hope I shall get our complement. I have discharged Briggs and Maddocks, but many men on board have wives who will trouble you with the like petitions, if not checked by your denial. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 140.*]

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The King to the Lord Lieutenant. After reciting the letter of the 8th instant, directing the delivery of the key in the custody of the Deputy Vice-Treasurer to the new Commissioners of the Treasury, and an order of the Lords Justices of the 14th instant, in accordance therewith, and that delays are made in execution thereof, whereby the Army remains unpaid, upon pretence that the former letters may not be a sufficient discharge to the Vice-Treasurer or his deputy upon passing his accounts; directing him to see the previous orders observed, leaving with the Vice-Treasurer or his deputy all his vouchers, he giving copies of them, and to cause the office of the Treasury, and the ready money there, and all moneys in the hands of the Treasurer at War or Receiver-General, and also the moneys growing due from the present grand Farmers of the Revenue, to be duly delivered and paid into the Treasury, on the receipt of Viscount Ranelagh, and others the new Commissioners of the Treasury. [*S.P. Dom. Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 108.*]

Aug. 29.
Melston, near
Sarum.

Lancelot Addison to Williamson. If it be true that men are as well obliged by the benefits they bestow, as by those they receive, then you are under a new obligation by the letter you vouchsafed me under Mr. Sanderson's cover. That therein you are pleased not only to essay a pardon but also an approbation of what I have done, is the effect of a great candour; but it is mere goodness that can dispose you to thoughts of cherishing his concerns whose disappointments began at last to outweigh his hopes. That God has blessed you with a mind and a power to do worthy things, Queen's College with posterity will yield an unquestionable testimony. For my own particular I am already under such a sense of your kindness that, till you give me ability, I cannot express it. I could wish it were decent to acquaint you with the fatigue which for many years I underwent abroad, animated thereto with fair promises from home. But of this I may have permission to be larger when I have, which I hope will be shortly, the happiness to kiss your hand. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 125.*]

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David Toller to Viscount Conway. Reminding him of his promise at leaving London to pay him, and pressing for his money. [*Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 126.*]

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Milford.

John Powell to James Hickee. Shipping news. [*Ibid. No. 127.*]

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Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. Sending an estimate of the cost of a new sluice for the wet dock at Deptford. The elm for the wet dock has come, but there is a great want of other elm. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 141.*]

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Chatham Dock.

Phineas Pett to the same. Forwarding a petition of six shipwrights who worked a considerable time before the clerk of the

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cheque thought fit to muster them, and mentioning others, one his own servant, who had never been entered at all, and a list of 60 discharged by the Commissioner without his knowledge, in both which matters he considers himself much wronged, and brought into contempt among the workmen, and asking for redress. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 142.] *Annexed,*

The said petition, asking that their time may be allowed them, and the said list. [Ibid. No. 142I.]

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Mahon.

Richard Gibson to the same. Since my last I have discharged the two store and the victualling ships, so as to avoid demurrage. I enclose copies of my certificates. The 25th, the *Mary, Adventure*, and *Portsmouth* pink arrived from before Algiers, who took up three Englishmen in the Bay that escaped in two bullock hides sewn together and bound to an oblong of spar wood, like a picture frame, having four barrel board paddles and one to steer with. Our ships went ranging in along the coast at night, and they made off to them, a risk so great as has not likely been heard of. They report a little while since, sixty Turks, weary of the war, had agreed to kill the King and Duan (Divan), but being over soon discovered, forty of them escaped into the country, and the rest lurked in town, four of whom had been caught and drowned at Fishersgate. Their soldiers run away daily to Tunis, &c., insomuch that those in Tremesin, having lately lost 500 men against the Moors, sent for a recruit of the like number, and were refused for want of men. Their ships are all careened, but remain yet in port. Our Consul is yet alive, though not without chains about him. Great complaint is made of the biggest mast sent, and of the bread that came with Mr. Bowers, which was discovered by some bags breaking, and which caused the Admiral to have the bread culled he is to take in, and of ninety unsuspected bags twenty-five are filled with cast bread. In consequence of the Governor's denial and the time the *Golden Hand* took to careen, I took the said bread by contents to avoid demurrage. This, and culling the said bread by many different and unknown hands, will raise the loss to a more than ordinary waste. The *Adventure*, by staying her mainmast more forward, and letting her foremast hang aft, or rather more upright, has found her legs so well as to spare the best sailors of the *Mary, Crown, Tiger*, and *Pink* more than a topsail. The Admiral has ordered her a new mainmast. Captain Deane is blamed for sending her to sea with the old one. The summer has been very hot and sickly. I found that several casks of meat were tainted, so I repacked and repickled it, and the thirty-two worst casks were not cast, but ordered for present spending. I am sending to Ivica for more salt, ours being nearly done. No money has come to complete the last two months' sent, and only 480 iron hoops were received. Within five days the *Revenge, Advice, Adventure*, and *Portsmouth* pink will sail all clean. [2 pages. *Ibid.* No. 143.] *Enclosed,*

Certificates by Gibson of the due delivery of the goods on board the Love, Summer Island, and Thomas and William, and of the sums due for freight thereof.

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Certificate by the masters of the Love, Lyon, Falmouth, and Rachel, that they had accompanied the Thomas and William all the way from England, and had had fair weather the whole way, so that the bread on board her could not have been damaged by casualty of the sea. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 143I.]

Warrant from Sir Edward Spragg to Captain Amos Beare and the carpenters of the Golden Hand, Revenge, and Advice, to give in writing an account of the dimensions and defects of the mast sent from England to be main-mast of the Revenge.

Their report, stating the defects of the mast, and their opinion that it cannot be made to serve for a bigger size than the foremast of a fourth-rate.

Warrant from Sir Edward Spragg to the masters of the Love, Rachel, Lyon, and Falmouth, with the master attendant and the masters of the Revenge and Advice, to survey and report on the bread that came in the Thomas and William.

Their report that it was in good order and condition as to any damage that might be occasioned by the ship, but the greater part of what they had seen was mouldy and unfit for food, and they believe most of the rest is in the same condition, occasioned, as they suppose, by its being shipped, if not hot from the oven, at least before it was thoroughly dried. [Ibid. No. 143II.]

[After Aug. 29.] Abstract of Mr. Gibson's letters of 18 May, 15 June, 26 July, 18 Aug., and 29 Aug., all previously calendared. [Ibid. No. 144.]

Aug. 30. Elizabeth Vyner to her brother Williamson. Apologising for those mean accommodations he had with them, so disproportional to his merit. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 128.]

Aug. 30. Falmouth. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The *Francis* of Burnesse was cast away at Newquay, the men saved. Five vessels are here loading with pilchards. The Farmers and Surveyors of the Custom House at London are come here to-day to settle affairs. The *Four Anns* from the Barbadoes reports that island in a good and healthy condition. [Ibid. No. 129.]

Aug. 30. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. News the same as in the first two sentences of the last. [Ibid. No. 130.]

Aug. 30. Kidlington. Mr. Justice Morton to Williamson. I have been visited by the Mayor, Aldermen, and some of the chief of the Common Council of Gloucester, who have come almost 40 miles to declare their grievances, and seem much dissatisfied not to have some direction from his Majesty, or at least the Privy Council, concerning the affairs of their city, for suppressing the factions growing there in a high measure. Dr. Robert Fielding, heretofore Mayor, has been removed

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from being an Alderman. The present Mayor, Dr. Fowler, summoned a Common Council to choose another Alderman, but the factious party will not appear at such election, so that he cannot proceed to it, and for default of another Alderman they cannot elect a Mayor for next year, for there must be eleven Aldermen by their charter before a new Mayor can be chosen, and there are now but ten, and unless the Mayor will choose in another Alderman of their liking, the factious party will not come to the election, which requires a number of voices that cannot be made up out of the honest part of the Common Council, for there must be 30 at least at the election, and the major vote carries it. If they could get an Alderman of their faction, then they would vote one Alderman Bubb, a simple man living far out of the city, over whom they have such power that they will rule him as they please, and they say, he shall bear the name, but they shall bear the rule, and that they will give him leave to live at his country farm, and they will bear the charges of his Mayoralty. In truth, things are grown to that pass amongst them that it is between them *Aut Cæsar aut Pompeius*, and I do not know how these differences can be pacified but by his Majesty's mediation and the interposition of his authority, which in my opinion he may lawfully and prudently do, for since the factious party will not come to the election of an Alderman in Dr. Fielding's room, and no new Mayor can be chosen unless there be eleven Aldermen at the election, a new Mayor cannot be elected, and therefore the now Mayor, an honest and loyal person, may be continued another year, in which the business of Dr. Fielding's removal may be tried by the King's Bench, where I hear he will bring a *mandamus* for his restitution. Meantime the city is in great distraction and division, and I, their Recorder, am much troubled at it, but know not how to remedy it except as aforesaid. Some of them are resolved to wait on you at London, unless you prevent them with some order or letter from his Majesty and Council. Pray write to me by the next post to Kidlington, that I may stop the Mayor and Aldermen's coming to London if I can. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 131.*]

Aug 30. The King to the President and Fellows of Magdalen College, Whitehall. Oxford. Recommending Richard Wooddeson, who was bred up in Magdalen College School, and was a chorister for near seven years in the said college, for the next vacant demyship. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 168.*]

Aug. 30. Warrant to Sir John Robinson to discharge Thomas Blood, jun. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 115.*]

Aug. 30. R. Mayors to the [Navy Commissioners]. Giving the names of yards suitable for building third and fourth rates, viz., Johnson, Boyes, Barham, Castell, Jonas Shish, jun., and Captain Castell, besides others who decline or are unable. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 145.*] *Annexed,*

Tenders by William Castell, dated 31 August, Richard Boyes dated 7 September, Henry Johnson dated 12 September, the last enclosed in a note to Thomas Hayter, and undated ones

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by Francis Barham and Jonas Shish, jun., and also one by Robert Page of Wivenhoe, dated 26 September, and William Yeames for building third-rates and fourth-rates, giving the place of building, dimensions, price, mode of payment, and time of completion. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, Nos. 145I, 145II, 145III, 145IV, 145V, 145VI, 145VII, 145VIII.]

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Oxford.

Dr. Peter Mews to Sir Leoline Jenkyns. Thinking it may not be amiss to procure his Majesty's letter signifying that his father's statute concerning the Architypographus (Master Printer) be punctually observed, and that on the first avoidance of the Bedell of Divinity's place, the present Architypographus be removed to it, that so a person may be chosen fully qualified in such affairs. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 132.]

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Dr. Thomas Yates to Sir Leoline Jenkins. You have put life into the Dean by bringing in Mr. Williamson, who embraces it with much frankness and cheerfulness. If that order or decree of the Star Chamber be of 23 June, 28 Eliz., it were worth taking a copy of it, being the only thing of that nature I yet want, but be it of March, 13 Eliz., it will be of use. That suggestion you mention in a petition, that they were at 4,000*l.* charge about King James' translation, at first sight seems much for them; but if the thing be not true (that work being done by persons of great eminency in the Church, no mercenary men), or if true it hath nothing that now may be of weight, since their printing of that edition, which they offer as a charge, was double 4,000*l.* clear gain to them within two years after it was printed, for they vended to every church in England a great Church Bible, besides 20,000, if not 40,000, 4to and 8vo Bibles, which brought a profit far greater than I mention; and upon some such considerations as these, possibly in 1629, when upon differences between the University of Cambridge and them before the Lords of the Council (when in all likelihood, this was then suggested) it moved so little with their lordships to exclude that University, that they, by the consent of the Stationers and King's Printers, gave that University power to print what numbers of Bibles they pleased in 4to or a medium folio. It is a great obligation that you offer to search the Rolls for what may concern us therein, but I have seen or have notes of all the patents to be found there, and got otherways those not there, which you shall see in a little time. Your advice of consulting Mr. Attorney must be pursued, for we must make him our friend, and rely on his judgment as to what power we have already, and if defective how to enlarge it. Wherefore you shall have the best account I can give you of the business, with notes of most or all the patents that I can find to have been granted since printing was known in England. But our usage of printing, exercised for 160 years, without any patent or grant at all, will be the best of our case, and give us an interest paramount to all restrictive grants giving the sole power of printing of some books to the King's Printers, and of others to the Stationers and others. Here the great charter of the 11th of the last King places it, and is rather a confirmation of an existing power than a grant of a new. To-day

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Mr. Vice-Chancellor enters on his third year. To-morrow I intend to wait on him with a draft grant to A. B., &c. (for we discover none yet that intend to come in), making us delegates for that purpose, and vesting in us the whole power of the University as to printing. If he approves of it, you shall have a copy. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 133.]

Aug. 31. Sir John Robinson to Williamson. Begging him to apologize for Farmingwoods. him and his wife to Lady Thomond, being afraid they shall not be able to perform their promised visit, it being too far to go and return in a day. [*Ibid.* No. 134.]

[Aug. ?] Richard Reynolds, B.A., scholar of Sidney, Cambridge, to the King. Petition praying for his mandate for the next vacant Foundation Fellowship. [*Ibid.* No. 135.]

Aug. 31. David Jenner to Mr. King. On behalf of the college, signifying Sidney Sussex their desire to have the said Reynolds as a Fellow, and their readiness College. to accept the King's letters on his behalf for the next vacant Foundation Fellowship. [*Ibid.* No. 136.]

Aug. 31. News-letter to Mr. Saunders, Scarborough. [The first part is identical with last news-letter.] The *Anne*, arrived home from Rochelle on the 23rd, under Belle-isle found two of the new French ships out of Brest, one of 112, the other of 120 guns, but whither designed they knew not. People at Seville as well as at Madrid were very apprehensive lest the French squadron of eleven men-of-war and four fireships cruising off that coast might be designed against their Plate fleet, expected hourly from New Spain, and the Spaniards had despatched several boats with orders, as was supposed, for their sailing towards some port in Biscay or Galicia. They had notice from Cadiz of a Dutch ship arrived there in sixteen days from Zealand, advising that twenty States men-of-war should speedily go thither, and that in the meantime no Dutch vessel should go abroad without convoy, on account of the French fleet being there. Though the Venetians lately granted the French liberty to make levies in Dalmatia, they have recalled it, alleging the waste of their people in the late Turkish wars. The business of pulling down the Court of Taxes, or Custom House, is accommodated; the French King has set it up again, and the Count of Monterey denied his orders for that action. On the 31st, Mr. Coventry, Ambassador Extraordinary, and Mr. Rosse, secretary to the embassy, began their voyage towards Sweden. On the death of Dr. John Leslie, Bishop of Clogher, Dr. Robert Leslie, Bishop of Raphoe, has been translated to that see, and Dr. Ezekiel Hopkins, Dean of Raphoe, advanced to that bishopric. After several overtures by the Duke of Newburg's minister at the Hague to justify what was done by him at Bielefeld, as to the precedency his Envoy claimed of the States Minister, the States have absolutely denied to receive anything more either by word or writing on the subject. It is generally reported from Holland and France, that the French King will declare Prince Vaudemont, natural son to the Duke of Lorraine, heir of Lorraine, and give him the command of 12,000 men; that he will give the old

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Duke a yearly pension for his life, and will provide an equivalent after his death for his nephew, Charles of Lorraine, the true heir. M. Lionne's son has the reversion of his office, but being young it is at present managed by the Archbishop of Toulouse. Mareschal de Crequi's army in Lorraine is to be augmented to 13,000 foot and 1,000 horse. Advices from Cadiz say that Captain Viviano, commander of a Genoese man-of-war, meeting two French men-of-war, saluted them, but being commanded to anchor by them all night to be visited, refused it, whereupon the French gave him two shot with ball, which he so well returned that after a stout fight between them the French retired to the Bay. One of them having received three shot under water, was scarce able to keep himself from sinking. A Bassa has been sent from the Porte to the Emperor to demand the lands and villages belonging to Neuhausel. The number of dead are increased this week 52, but of the plague none. [3 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 137.]

[Aug. 31 ?] Major Bill to ———. Sir John Birkenhead examined all the parties and partners, told them the King's pleasure, and has now only to give in his report, which will stop the mouths of the Shimeis, Zoiluses, and Rabshakehs. My wife has been ill, waiting for this report, and twice nearly lost her life by robbers, though the hours were not late when she went out of town. [*Ibid.* No. 138.] *Prefixed,*

*Account of Major Bill's case. The King passed two Acts of Parliament to set his lands free, that he might thus be enabled to rebuild a printing-house in Blackfriars, for the King's service; meanwhile the adverse party, after agreeing with him, took an old house in Little Britain, which tumbled down, and during repairs the printing presses would have to be set up in sheds, &c., and could not work so expeditiously, and where despatch is needed, could not be got at so quickly as by water to Blackfriars. If Hills and Sawbridge got an order for removing the presses, &c., to such a place out of the Savoy, his Majesty's commands and laws would be entombed, whereas from his office at Blackfriars oars could fly with Dædalus' wings to Whitehall. [*Ibid.* No. 1381.]*

Aug. 31. Reference to the Attorney-General of the petition of Major John Bill, one of the King's Printers, desiring that the printing-house be not removed from the Savoy to a house in Little Britain, to endeavour to determine the matter between the parties concerned, or else to report to his Majesty. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 37, p. 5.]

Aug. 31. Warrant to Sir John Howell, Recorder of London, to insert Helena Mawer, convicted of felony at the Old Bailey, in the next transportation of convicts at Newgate, with a special clause permitting her to transport herself. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, f. 53.]

Aug. 31. Grant of pardon to Thomas Blood, jun., in the same form as his father's. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 115.]

Aug. 31. Like grant of pardon to Thomas Perrot. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

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Aug. 31. Warrant to Sir Robert Long, Bart., Receiver of the Revenues of the late Queen Mother, to receive from Henry, Earl of St. Albans, Chamberlain to the late Queen, 3,200*l.*, the balance of a sum paid to him by Sir Henry Wood on her account, and to pay the same to Barbara, Duchess of Cleveland, as the King's free gift. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 115.*]

Aug. 31. Grant to James Butler, Esq., of the office of Steward to the Court at the Palace of Westminster, during good behaviour. Minute. [*Ibid. f. 116.*]

Docquet thereof, dated 19 September. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 117.*]

Aug. 31. Licence to John, Lord Berkeley, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, now Whitehall, returning thither, to take sixty horses for himself and family. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 33.*]

Aug. 31. The Commissioners of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury. Navy Office. Report on the state of the accounts of the Victuallers of the Navy. That as to former years, according to an account received from Sir D. Gauden, there remained unsatisfied to him on assignments over 91,000*l.*, besides further claims to above 50,000*l.* more. As to which they only observe, that as these claims never previously came before them, so their lordships recently told them that for the other debt of 91,000*l.*, assignments had been given on several branches of revenue, on most of which interest was not to be allowed, so that their lordships are unconcerned in his raising money on the same. As for the present year:—

The charge for victualling according to the declarations amounts to	-	-	-	£79,071	0	0
According to the contract there ought to have been paid in money to the victualler before 31 August	-	-	-	76,736	0	0
In lieu of the said sum in money he has received in orders	-	-	-	66,068	0	0
On these he has received in money only	-	-	-	36,000	0	0
He has issued provisions to the value of 43,530 <i>l.</i> , which with that of those in store amounts to	-	-	-	51,728	0	0

In case no addition to the fleets now abroad be required, the whole victualling expense of the year will be defrayed without any further demands on the Treasury than making up to the victualler (by assignments of 13,003*l.*) the value of the said declarations, and their assistance to him for raising money on those and the former ones.

As to the future, to prevent any disappointments from the death or incapacity of the victualler, they repeat their advice, on which his Majesty was first induced to commit to a partnership of three the performance of that contract, which till then had with much hazard been lodged in the hands of one. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II. 299, No. 146.*]

Aug. 31. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing a grant to George Viscount Grandison, and Edward Villiers, of the lands of Castlekevin

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and the Fertry, in the terms of the grant of 1 June, calendared *ante*, p. 291, except that the parcels are set out more minutely. [2 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 181.*]

[Aug. 31.] Paper with the names of the different lands comprised in the above grant to Grandison and Villiers. [*Ibid. No. 182.*]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lords Justices. Directing them to have letters patent passed granting a pension of 1,200*l.* sterling to Lord Berkeley of Stratton, the Lord Lieutenant, during pleasure, payable half-yearly out of the moneys excepted out of the covenants with Viscount Ranelagh and others, the first payment to be made at Easter next. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 105.*]

[Before
Aug. 31.]

Michael Boyle, Archbishop of Dublin, formerly Bishop of Cork, to the King. Petition praying a grant to him in fee-simple of the reversion of the lands in Pubble O'Bryen demised to him by letters patent of 7 March 1660-1, confirmed by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 182A.*]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lords Justices. Directing a grant to Denny Muschamp, in fee-simple, at the yearly rent of 20*l.*, of the reversion of four plowlands of Carigogonnell and Newtown in the barony of Pubble O'Bryen and county Limerick, demised by letters patent dated 7 March 1660-1, to Michael Boyle, then Bishop of Cork, for the term of 61 years from 1 May 1660. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 106.*]

[Aug. ?]

Theobald Roch to the King. Petition, stating that about the 29th of April last he was attacked by one Lewis Siggins, and in self-defence gave him a wound which caused his death, and praying a pardon for this offence. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 183.*]
Probably annexed thereto,

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Certificate by Francis, Lord Hawley, George Stamer, and Edmund Hogan, that the said Lewis Siggins acknowledged to them that he had been the aggressor, that he had very fair play from the said Roch, and that what happened to him was through his own means and seeking. [Ibid. No. 183I.]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lords Justices. Directing that in case Theobald Roch be convicted of the murder of Lewis Siggins he should be reprieved till the King's further pleasure be known. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 146.*]

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 184.*]

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The King to the University of [Cambridge]. Mandate to confer the degree of M.D. on Richard Clampe of King's Lynn. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 139.*]

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Warrant to Henry Howard and Sir Cecil Howard, Commissioners-General of the Musters, to take off the respites of Sir Thomas Sandys, lieutenant, and Thomas Frye, one of the gentlemen of the troop of Horse Guards commanded by the Duke of Monmouth, for the musters of 6 May and 17 June last, and of 14 January last respectively, and also from the death of the late quartermaster of the said troop to allow and pass such name as the said Duke shall give in the place of quartermaster. [*Draft. Ibid. No. 140.*]

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Aug. Warrant to pay to Sir Stephen Fox, Paymaster of the Forces, 13,588*l. per annum* for recruits, and also the sums up to 20,000*l.* disbursed by him for interest of moneys advanced for his Majesty's service. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 101.*]

Aug. Warrant to pay to Samuel Pepys, treasurer and paymaster of Tangier, 4,000*l.* above the yearly establishment of that place. [*Ibid. No. 102.*]

Aug. Grant to Dr. Bridgeman, Bishop of Man and Sodor, to hold *in commendam* the places he now enjoys, together with the bishopric. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. Four grants of denization to Peregrine Clifford Chamberlain, William and Mary Carey, and Henry Klee. [*Ibid. No. 107.*]

Aug. Warrant to pay to William Ashburnham, cofferer of the household, 6,290*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.* for interest and reward for sums specified in his accounts. [*Ibid. No. 110.*]

Aug. Warrant to pay to John Ball, receiver for the revenues of the honour of Windsor, all moneys remaining in the Exchequer from the portion of the Queen for the service aforesaid. [*Ibid. No. 111.*]

Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson, of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the wind, &c.

Vol. 292. No.	Date.	King's Ships.	Outward.	Inward.	Wind.	REMARKS.
141	Aug. 1	1	3	2	N.	The outward bound and those in the last list and Hollanders sailed to-day with a fair wind.
142	" 2	1	3	3	N.W.	
143	" 7	3	8	4	S.W.	
144	" 8	3	12	1	S.W.	
145	" 9	1	4	8	S.W.	
146	" 11	4	20	2	S.W.	The <i>Centurion</i> arrived to-day from Plymouth, but did not stop.
147	" 14	2	2	0	N.E.	
148	" 15	2	0	1	N.E.	
149	" 17	2	2	1	N.E.	
150	" 18	2	5	0	N.E.	
151	" 19	2	1	1	E.	The <i>Rupert</i> sailed this morning for the river, and the <i>Reserve</i> for Portsmouth.
152	" 20	1	2	0	N.W.	
153	" 22	1	4	1	N.W.	
154	" 23	1	1	2	S.	
155	" 24	1	4	0	N.W.	
156	" 26	1	4	4	N.	About 30 sail were seen to-day at the back of the Goodwin, supposed to be Hamburgers.

Sept. 1.
Yarmouth.

Richard Bower to Williamson. Last Tuesday a quest was here chosen to elect bailiffs for next year. They lay from Tuesday about noon to Wednesday in the afternoon. At length they were forced to put the names of the two persons they contended for into a hat, and the Chamberlain to draw, so that it fell to Sir Thomas Meddowes,

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who is head bailiff; the under-bailiff is Mr. George Ward. The Nonconformists and their friends are generally very much displeased that Sir Thomas is chosen, concluding that their meetings will be put by, which have very much increased, since Captain Clarke was so shamefully baffled in prosecuting them, Lord Townshend not in the least inquiring into the thing, notwithstanding his Majesty's order requiring it, which has so discouraged those that wish well to the Church's interest that they durst not appear in its defence, and those who were formerly most active for the King and the Church's interest are now resolved to let things go as they will, for he that shall be active in the defence of either seeks his own ruin, for if his Majesty commands the laws to be executed they shall be dispensed with, if he dispense with them they shall be prosecuted. An order of the Board to inquire into these grievances signifies no more than a blank paper, so that should his Majesty have occasion to make use of his friends, their hearts will be in their hose. It is here generally discoursed that there will suddenly be a dispensation, that several from the King have from time to time met with Dr. Owen and others to this purpose, and what confirms this report is another that Lord Townshend said that the Presbyterians and Independents will have a dispensation. The *Richmond* and *Norwich* frigates that came with the Iceland fleet are in the road. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 157.*]

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Chatham.

Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I shall have a boat built for Sheerness according to his Royal Highness' and your order, and will discuss with Major Darrell what sort will be most convenient. I shall buy the deals as cheaply as I can. I have received the bill of imprest for 400*l.* I discharged Arnold, a shipwright, for refusing to come when summoned three times, and returning a very uncivil answer by the messengers. Ordinary deals are much wanted. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 1.*]

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Contract by Sir Christopher Conyers with Commissioner Tippetts for the delivery of treenails at Portsmouth at the rates therein mentioned for each size. [*Ibid. No. 2.*]

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Sir George Downing to Samuel Pepys. Requesting him speedily to send copies of the papers he had received about the instructions of the Treasurers of the Navy. [*Ibid. No. 3.*]

Sept. 1.
Whitehall.

Order in Council made on the petition of Capt. Philip Carpenter, Chief Serjeant-at-Arms, on behalf of himself and George Pigott, second serjeant, for a letter to the Lord Lieutenant, for fixing them on the establishment at their former pensions of 5*s.* 6*d.* *per diem*, which had been retrenched by the establishment during Lord Roberts' government, and for satisfying to them what had been retrenched of their salaries. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 185.*]

Sept. 1.

Order in Council on the petition of Sarah King, widow of Dean King, for a letter to the Lord Lieutenant to grant a patent for a pension of 80*l.* *per annum* to her for her life, and to cause the same to be placed on the establishment, and the arrears thereof to be paid. [*1½ page. Ibid. No. 186.*]

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Sept. 2.
Lyme.

Anthony Thorold to [James Hickes]. Yesterday arrived the *Happy Entrance* from Morlaix, and the *Mayflower* from Croisic. All their news is that the French are clearing the ships and paying off the men of those they had manned, many of them being sick. They have some apprehension of the Dutch fleet, having taken in provisions for some time longer. The French soldiers still carry the basket, strengthening their forts and castles. Last Wednesday died here Captain John Davy, born in 1588, 83 years old, a man of very great courage, who kept the fort still called Davy's fort at the leaguer, when Prince Maurice's army lay against this town, and was very instrumental of keeping it from him, but has since expressed to me very great sense and trouble for his error. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 158.]

Sept. 2.

Sheriff Patience Ward to Williamson. Asking him to be a means of some good friends being accepted about the Post Office, which they suggest is quitted by Sir John Bennet. [*Ibid.* No. 159.]

Sept. 2.
Eltham.

George Duval to Williamson. Requesting his assistance to procure for his brother, a lad of fifteen or sixteen, a place in some family of quality to teach a child French, or some other appointment, as he had been left destitute by the bankruptcy of a French merchant in London, to whom himself and his money had been committed. [*French. Ibid.* No. 160.]

Sept. 2.

Reference to the Lord Chief Justice, or the Judges that presided at the trial, or the Recorder, of the petition of Henry Wright, praying for a reprieve and transportation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 37, p. 6.]

Sept. 2.
Portsmouth.

Captain Anthony Deane to the Navy Commissioners. Ten of the twelve boats ordered for the security of the harbour are set up, and will be finished with all despatch. Pitch, rosin, &c., are much wanted. I suggest Mr Bond's hoy for fetching the plank from Newnham which is converting in the forest of Dean, which should be sent for soon. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 4.]

Sept. 2.
Dublin.

Dr. Sa[muel] Hinde to Williamson. Requesting his Majesty's letter on his behalf to the Lord Lieutenant to be delivered to the bearer, his son Charles, his life having been but an Iliad of sufferings for the service of both their Majesties, and having only lived to see, not the ark of preferment, but of encouragement, carried quite out of his sight, notwithstanding several promises from his Majesty at Deal, Dover, and Yarmouth. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 187.]

Sept. 2.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant, and in his absence to the Lords Justices. Directing letters patent to be passed admitting William Fitzgerald into the society of the King's Inn at Dublin, and constituting him counsellor at law in all the courts. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 8, p. 109.]

Sept. 2.
Whitehall.

The same to the same. After reciting letters patent, dated 14 Sept. 1669, containing grants of the lands therein mentioned to Roger, Earl of Orrery, and Robert Boyle, and that some question had arisen concerning the enrolment of the said letters within the six

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months specified in a proviso therein, directing him to cause the said letters patent to be enrolled as within the said space of six months, and an endorsement to be made on the said letters attesting the enrolment thereof within the said time. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 110.*]

Sept. 3. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. I could not write the last two posts, having been at the assizes. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 161.*]

Sept. 3. Robert Bennett to James Hickes. Forwarding enclosures from a
Maidenhead. lady at Windsor. [*Ibid. No. 162.*]

[Sept. ?] John Pet to the King. Petition praying for a recommendation to Magdalen College, Oxford, for his son John, scholar of Magdalen Hall, whence demys for the college are usually chosen, to be admitted demy next election. [*Ibid. No. 163.*]

Sept. 3. Recommendation of John Pet to the President, &c., of Magdalen College, Oxford, for one of the demys' places at present void. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 16.*]

Sept. 3. B. St. Michel to the Navy Commissioners. I will, in a few
Deal. days, demand from Mrs. Culmer the stores under her husband's charge at his death, and give you an account of them. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 5.*]

Sept. 3. The King to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Ordering him to have a lease granted of four plowlands therein described, in the barony of Duhallo and county of Cork, formerly leased to Sir James Craig, to George, Viscount Grandison, and Colonel Edward Villiers. [*Draft, with blanks for amount of rent and length of term. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 188.*] Probably annexed,

An abstract of the said lease to Sir James Craig. [*Ibid. No. 188I.*]

Sept. 4. Dr. Thomas Yates to Sir Leoline Jenkyns. Requesting him to digest, from the account he has forwarded of how the University derives a right to printing, something fit to be laid before counsel; suggesting that the Attorney-General be retained, and enclosing a draft lease by the University to A.B. &c., of their buildings and machines used for printing, which he requests him to peruse, amend, and advise upon, whereby the annual rent is fixed at 200*l.*, this being the same as that paid by the Stationers, and the term at three years from Lady Day next; and promising that the Dean and he will indemnify him and Mr. Williamson from any claims on account thereof. [*1½ page. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 164.*] Enclosed,

The said account, in Dr. Yates' handwriting, which sets forth that, before the invention of printing, the multiplying books by writing was a privilege of the University, as appears by proceedings in Parliament between the town and University in 18 Ed. I.; that Archbishop Bouchier first established printing at Oxford by means of Corsellis, a workman of Gutenberg's at Haarlem, whom, through Robert Turner and

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Wm. Caxton, he induced to escape; that Hieronymus in Symbolo Apostolorum was printed at Oxford in 1468, and Venerabilis Alexander de Anima, now in Brasenose library, in 1481; and reciting various charters and Acts of Parliament granting to the University the privilege of printing. At the end are queries as to whether ancient usage and privilege is not sufficient to give the University the right of printing all manner of books, and if not, whether the charters and grants of 8 and 11 Car. I. do not give power to print all manner of books; whether the Stationers' grant of Jac. I., giving them exclusive right for ever of printing primers, psalters, and singing-psalms, restrain not the University from printing any of these books, notwithstanding the non-obstante clause in their patents; and whether, notwithstanding the grants for terms of years to the King's Printers and others for Bibles, school books, &c., the University may not comprint with them, by virtue of the non-obstante clause, after the expiration of the terms in being at the date of their charter. [1½ page. S.P. Dom. Car., II. 292, No. 164I.]

The said draft grant. [Ibid. No. 164II.]

Another copy of Dr. Yates' account, with his queries put into more formal language. [5 pages. Ibid. No. 164III.]

A draft of the queries as settled for the last. [Ibid. No. 164IV.]

List in Dr. Yates' handwriting of the books the printing of which is granted by patent to the Stationers' Company for ever, and to them and Roger Norton, Edward Atkyn, John Seymour, and the King's Printers, for terms of years. [Ibid. No. 164V.]

Sept. 4.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to James Hicke. Several ships arrived on the 1st report that they saw off Dunkirk about 70 Dutch men-of-war, of which were above twenty fireships. They supposed they were looking for the French fleet. A small vessel that came here from Newhaven (Havre de Grace), where he had carried soldiers from Ireland for the French King's service, said that he had sent over 20,000*l.* (in another letter 2,000*l.*) to raise soldiers there, and that he has leave to raise men here in England, at which the country hereabouts much wonders the meaning of it. Other shipping news. [Ibid. No. 165.]

Sept. 4.
Norwich.

Robert Lulman to Williamson. At the Norwich assizes there was a great trial between Lord Townshend, Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk and Norwich (*sic*), upon an action of *scandalum magnatum*, in which the jury gave him 5,000*l.* damages. [Ibid. No. 166.]

Sept. 4.
Hetherton.

Peter Prideaux to Williamson. Requesting him to enter a *caveat* against the pardon for which he hears that John Burnett of Colyton, whose trial as a common barrator has been postponed to next assizes, intends to sue. [Ibid. No. 167.]

Sept. 4.
Cockermouth.

Robert Rickerby to Williamson. Thanking him for the two exhibitions he has conferred on the scholars of Dovenby. [Ibid. No. 168.]

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- Sept. 4. Captain Robert Stout to the Navy Commissioners. Informing them that his ship, the *Fountain*, while in charge of a pilot furnished by the Mayor of Gravesend, had run aground in Northfleet Hope, and could not be got off till the next flood. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 6.]
- Sept. 4. Jonas Shish to the same. Statement of the materials required for building a third-rate. [*Ibid.* No. 7.]
- Sept. 5. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of
Portsmouth. news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 169.]
- Sept. 5. Dr. John Carr to Williamson. Renewing his request that he would
Christ's College, influence Lord Arlington that nothing be done about the Professor-
Cambridge. ship [of Physic] till a vacancy occurs. [*Ibid.* No. 170.]
- Sept. 5. Grant to Herbert Crofts, eldest son of the Bishop of Hereford, of the dignity of Baronet. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 116.]
Docquet thereof, dated the 23rd. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 123.]
- Sept. 5. Royal assent for Dr. Henry Bridgeman, Dean of Chester, to be Bishop of the Isle of Man, void by the translation of Dr. Barrow to the bishopric of St. Asaph. [*Ibid.* No. 113.]
- Sept. 5. Edward Boutwell to the Navy Commissioners. Craving a review of his papers, with the Duke's reference on them, touching his application for the place of master caulker at Chatham. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 8.]
- Sept. 5. Sir N. Armorer to Williamson. Count Hamilton's men are all
Dublin. complete, 1,500 good men and true, I hope, but likely, I am sure, as ever shipped hence, or from any of the King's ports. His diligence and conduct have been extraordinary, and I hope he will be truly so charactered to the French Ambassador by his friends in London. Lord Arlington is the chief he depends on, therefore pray give your mite to assist a worthy youth, whose discreet conduct here has done our master honour, and merits much from the King he goes to serve, and our greatest fanatics pay him great respect for his civil carriage to all sorts of people. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 189.]
- Sept. 6. William Colston to Williamson. I had great trouble and expense
Bristol. in procuring the Consul's place at Marseilles for my son Richard, in succession to Daniel Codgell, who still lives and officiates, and who is endeavouring to settle one Francis Hill to officiate under him in that place, though it was his Majesty's order that none should reap any benefit with Codgell during his life but my son, and that he should afterwards succeed him. I desire your advice. Lord St. Albans has promised his assistance. My son, who resides at Cadiz, would willingly transfer his interest to an able merchant at Marseilles. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 171.]
- Sept. 6. Major William Rolleston to Williamson. Asking him to acquaint
Rochester. Lord Arlington that he had order from the Duke to send a party to secure Gillingham Fort, where there is so ill accommodation for the soldiers that in a short time their business will be done, and saying

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that he shall not lay out more, except he has either Lord Arlington's order or a better paymaster than Sir Stephen Fox. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 172.]

Sept. 6. Henry Fowler to Williamson. Requesting him to quicken his reply to Judge Morton about their troubles at Gloucester, as on his return he finds all things worse. [*Ibid.* No. 173.]

Sept. 6. Sir William Temple to Mr. Richards at Lord Arlington's office. I find by Sir Gilbert Talbot's indenture that the plate delivered to me for my Embassy to Holland was 5,218 ounces and three-quarters. I suppose my lord's meaning of discounting it was because by my indenture I am accountable for so much to the Treasury. I remit myself to your care under my lord's favour for what is further to be done, only desiring that when the warrant is ready for the Commissioners of the Treasury, you will advise me, that I may carry it to them myself. [*Ibid.* No. 174.]

Sept. 6. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. To-day the fleet of Hamburgers Falmouth. for the Straits put to sea, with several English merchantmen laden with pilchards. The *Golden Hind*, arrived to-day in six weeks from Jamaica, says that before she sailed the peace with Spain was proclaimed, and the Governor, Sir Thomas Lynch, arrived, and that the privateers that went to Panama were possessed of the town and fort, but the inhabitants had put on board a galleon most of their treasure, which the English had taken, had not one of the captains of their men-of-war given himself too much to whoring and drunkenness, and lost the opportunity of acquainting the rest of it, he understanding of it by one of the ship he had taken prisoner, by which neglect she escaped, so that of all the great noise the common seamen shared not above 12*l.* a man. Many of them lost their lives, and many starved to death. A Jew that went there to inhabit is returned in this ship, the people living so debauchly that he could not find in his heart to live among them; bad people indeed, when Jews refuse to live with them. [*Ibid.* No. 175.]

Sept. 6. Thomas Holden to Williamson. (News the same as in his last two Falmouth. letters to Hickes.) [*Ibid.* No. 176.]

Sept. 6. The Earl of Strafford to Lord Arlington. Expressing his thanks Wentworth to him in procuring the licence to fell his Irish woods, and asking Woodhouse. him to express his acknowledgments to the King, and to hasten the despatch of the grant. [*Ibid.* No. 177.]

Sept. 6. Caveat in favour of Mr. Hale that nothing pass of the office of keeper of the King's stables at St. Albans. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, p. 12.]

Sept. 6. Caveat in favour of P. Prideaux that no pardon pass to John Burnet, Devon, for a common barrator. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 6. Grant to William Ford of a land waiter's place in the port of London in reversion. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 116.]

Sept. 6. Eleanor Tippet to the Navy Commissioners. Complaining of the non-payment of her tickets by Mr. Littleton, who had been ordered to pay them by their Honours and by Sir Thomas Osborne. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 9.]

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Richard St. George, Ulster King-of-Arms, to the King. Petition, stating that his duty in great measure consists in taking knowledge of and registering the descents, matches, and issue of the nobility and gentry of Ireland, and in preventing and reforming usurpations and abuses in bearing and using arms and titles of honour, and praying therefore that a commission be issued empowering the petitioner to visit the kingdom for the purposes aforesaid. Noted as received on that date. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 190.*]

Sept. 6.

Order in Council on the petition of Captain Terence Molloy, remitting in his favour the new quit rents, and the arrears thereof, imposed on lands whereof he or his ancestors were seised in possession or reversion on 23 October 1641, and which still remain in his possession. [2 pages. *Ibid. No. 191.*]

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The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing him to grant licence and permission to the Earl of Strafford to fell and carry away such quantities of the woods belonging to him in Ireland as he shall desire. [*Two Drafts. Ibid. Nos. 192, 193.*]

Sept. 6.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing letters patent to be passed granting to Sarah King, the widow of John King, late Dean of Tuam, the pension of 80*l.* *per annum* for her life formerly granted him, which had been reduced to 40*l.* in Lord Robartes' establishment in 1669, the same to be inserted in the present establishment. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 112.*]

Draft thereof, differing in some respects from the above. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 194.*]

Sept. 6.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing that on the bishopric of Raphoe becoming void by the translation of the present bishop to Clogher, letters patent be passed for the donation of the said bishopric to Ezekiel Hopkins, D.D., now Dean of Raphoe. [*1½ page. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 128.*]

Sept. 7.
Truro.

Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Informing him of a fire the previous evening by which a house in Kenwyn Street was burnt. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 178.*]

Sept. 7.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Enclosing a list of ships arrived. The Earl of Bath is still here. He and Sir Bernard de Gomme contracted with several undertakers for building a storehouse, a powder house, and several soldiers' houses in the Royal Citadel, and for a mole on the south side thereof, on which they are now at work. [*Ibid. No. 179.*] *Enclosed,*

The said list. [*Ibid. No. 179.*]

Sept. 7.
Chatham.

Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. The person who tendered 3,000 deals will not sell except on payment in a month after delivery. Ordinary deals are much wanted. The *Henrietta* proving very leaky and needing to be docked, I have ordered the *Rainbow* to take her place. Captain Hayward of the *Foresight* being ordered to go Northward to attend the herring fishery, I have ordered him a cable and other stores demanded by

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him, and also the new placing of her furnaces. The *Eagle* hulk must be docked after the *Victory* and the *Katherine*. The master shipwright desires to have her ballast of broken guns and shot taken out previously, but I think she may as well now be docked with it as formerly. I have bought 40,000 heath broom at 48s. per thousand, and enclose the contract. [*1¼ page. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 10.*] *Enclosed,*

Copy of the said contract, dated 30 August, between the Commissioner and Christopher Venman. [Ibid. No. 101.]

Sept. 7.
Whitehall.

Commission to the Earl of Lauderdale to command all garrisons that shall from time to time be placed in the Bass, with power to appoint a lieutenant and inferior officers. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 259.*]

Sept. 7.
Whitehall.

The King to the Privy Council of Scotland. Directing them to draw two soldiers out of every company in the Earl of Linlithgow's regiment, and four out of the company garrisoning Edinburgh Castle, making eighteen in all, to be transported to the Bass, as soon as the place is ready to receive them. [*Ibid. p. 261.*]

Sept. 7.
Whitehall.

Warrant to the Treasury Commissioners in Scotland to prepare the dwelling place at the Bass for the reception of the garrison and for payment to the sergeant and corporal in command of 20s. and 14s. Scots *per diem*, respectively, and for adding to the present pay of each private of the garrison 2s. 6d. a month, and for payment of 15*l.* sterling *per annum* for coal and candle. [*Ibid. p. 262.*]

Sept. 7.
Whitehall.

Memorials of protections in the ordinary form, for two years each, to John Murray, tutor of Stormount, Robert Campbell of Glenlyon, Henry Drummond of Ballach, and Sir Mungo Murray, respectively. [*Ibid. p. 263, 264.*]

Sept. 8.
Billing.

Monsieur Villiers to Williamson. Defending himself against the charges brought against him by "Madame," who charges him with negligence, as he sees by Williamson's letters to Madame Marie and Monsieur Donat. [*French. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 180.*]

Sept. 8.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of news. [*Ibid. No. 181.*]

Sept. 8.

Petition of William Thompson, master of the *Truelove*, and Richard Roxby, master of the *Dorothy*, both of Sunderland, to the King and Council, that their ships taken in the Dutch war and belonging to free denizens of England may be made free, as if English built; they are now compelled to pay foreign duties when importing goods to England, to their great loss. [*Ibid. No. 182.*]

Sept. 8.
Hull.

Charles Whittington to Williamson. We continue here in a very peaceable condition, and have had this summer a very great trade, for never was there more exportation of cloth, lead, and butter, but in rape seed it fails much of our expectation, by reason the Holland Greenland fleet are so well fished that the price has fallen to nothing. [*Ibid. No. 183.*]

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Whitehall.

Warrant for a pardon to John Bernard, Thomas Coker, his partner, and Richard Whitebane, their agent, of all forfeitures upon 500 raw hides, prepared by them to be transported, according to an order of Council for transporting 6,000 hides, but seized because of a subsequent order of 22 March last, repealing the former one. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 34.*]

Sept. 8.
Whitehall.

Warrant for naturalizing the foreign built ships *Christiana* and *Cornelia*, taken by letters of marque in the late war and carried into Scotland. [*Ibid. p. 35.*]

Minute of the above. [*Ibid. p. 41.*]

Sept. 8.
Foresight.

Captain John Hayward to the Navy Commissioners. Desiring that in place of his longboat, which is staved, another may be sent him, as he cannot get one at Chatham. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 11.*]

Sept. 8.
Cork.

Peter Bronsdon to the same. Enclosing an account of the timber on board the *St. Jacob*, which is ready to sail, and could have taken more, but there was not enough found good, nor can he hear of any more, the land carriage being so troublesome; and again asking leave to return to England. [*Ibid. No. 12.*]

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Matthew Wren to the same. Desiring that the victuals to be sent down to the *Foresight* should be divided between the *Norwich* and *Richmond*, which are to go in her stead to the Yarmouth fishing, as the *Foresight's* furnaces are defective, and cannot be repaired for some days. [*Ibid. No. 13.*]

Sept. 8.
Buoy of the
Nore.

Phineas Pett to the same. Desiring to know whether Mr. Gregory or he is to muster the ships at the Buoy of the Nore, which he himself asserts is his duty. [*Ibid. No. 14.*]

Sept. 8.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a gift to ——— Schlezer, of the German nation, of the office of Chief Engineer in Scotland, at a salary of 10*l.* sterling a month. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 265.*]

Sept. 8.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. In pursuance of the order in Council of the 1st instant, directing that the chief and second serjeants-at-arms be placed on the establishment as therein mentioned. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 113.*]

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Draft thereof. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 195.*]

Sept. 8.
Whitehall.

The same to the same. After reciting that Philip Carpenter purchased, with the Duke of Ormonde's consent, from Dudley Mainwaring, the office of constable of Dublin Castle in 1663; that the Duke, finding it inconvenient to keep prisoners in the said castle, ordered him to agree for Proudfoot's Castle on the quay, and to make it a prison instead, which he did with one Sleigh, who held the same under Richard Barry, and prepared the said Proudfoot's Castle and placed the prisoners therein; and that—Sleigh, by reason of a difference between him and Barry, not perfecting a lease of the said castle—no rent has been hitherto paid, nor Carpenter reimbursed for his expense in preparing the castle, so that he has been

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out of his money, amounting to about 120*l.*, since 1663, and is in danger of being sued for the arrears of rent; directing him to examine the truth of these allegations, and, if established, to pay Carpenter what he has thus expended, and indemnify him from any trouble he may sustain in consequence of his said undertaking. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 114.*]

[Sept. 8.] Draft thereof. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 196.*]

Sept. 8. The same to the same. Directing him to cause a commission to be issued to Richard St. George, Ulster King-of-Arms, to visit the kingdom in order to take knowledge of and register the descents, matches, and issues of the nobility and gentry, and to reform usurpations and abuses in bearing and using arms and titles of honour in like manner as the provincial Kings-of-Arms in England have been authorised to visit their respective provinces. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 115.*]

Sept. 9. R[alph] H[opes] to Williamson. About noon yesterday the Lord Coventry. Lieutenant of Ireland came here, having laid the night before at Hillmorton, and is this morning gone for Lichfield on his way to Holyhead. On Monday night the new bishop came hither, where he was met by several of Lichfield, who next day attended him home. There was no great ceremony at his reception here. Last week a fire at Towcester destroyed near 20 houses, and this day week one at Buckingham consumed six or seven houses with much corn and hay. Mr. Brookesby, an apothecary here, whose turn it is to serve the office of Mayor next year, produced his Majesty's order excusing him, refusing either to serve or fine. The Mayor and some of the aldermen immediately waited on the Earl of Northampton, the Recorder, with an account of the truth of the case, who has appointed them to meet him in London, and promises there to do them all the good offices he can, so the Mayor and some of the aldermen went yesterday for London about it. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 184.*]

Sept. 9. Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. Inquiring where he is to Lyne. apply for wine licences, none being appointed in that county for that purpose. [*Ibid. No. 185.*]

Sept. 9. Robt. Speight to Thos. Raban. On private affairs. [*Ibid. Lincoln. No. 186.*]

Sept. 9. Captain John Hart to the Navy Commissioners. The number, The *Rupert*, 400 men, of the crew is now completed. We are still spending our at the Buoy of the Nore. sea provisions, but Mr. Gregory is going to put us into petty warrant. A month's sea victuals (except beer, which is expected next tide) is just arrived. I suggest that short allowance money be granted, and sent down with the money for paying the tickets. I request repayment of the disbursements of myself, and the bearer, my Lieutenant Saunders, for manning of the ship, of which an account is sent. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 15.*]

Sept. 9. Richard Boys to the same. Requesting a protection for the company (whose names are given) of the *John* ketch, which is to bring

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up to London several parcels of stuff from his wrecks in the Chatham river, all of which have now been broken up and landed, and offering them some knees that may be useful. Noted that the protection was granted. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 16.*]

Sept. 9. List by the surveyor and Commissioner Tippetts of ships out of which two may be chosen for the West Indies. [*Ibid. No. 17.*]

Sept. 9. Sir G. Rawdon to Viscount Conway. About business matters, the building, &c., and a hunt of two bucks. We hear nothing of certainty when the Lord Lieutenant comes. Lord Justice Forbes has promised to send Lieutenant Bolton notice of his coming. The muster master is expected in two or three days, and three months' pay we are told of within a month. We hear little good by those coming from England, complaints of all kinds, want of money and trade, &c. [2 pages. *Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 197.*]

Sept. 10. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. At noon on Friday the French Marquess arrived in a coach with six horses and a postillion. He was entertained with great respect by the Governor, and the *Cleveland* yacht, appointed to transport him to France, waits only for a fair wind. The *Reserve* is still at Spithead, the *Phoenix* is preparing to go to sea. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 187.*]

Sept. $\frac{10}{20}$. M. de Gorrin, captain of a French man-of-war, to [Williamson].
Portsmouth. Apologising for not having taken leave of him through the hurry of his departure, and stating that on Friday Lord Arlington had been so kind as, with Sir George Lane, to see all the papers of his affair against the Duke of Ormonde, and to make a long extract from them with his own hand, all which papers he had left with the said Lane. [$2\frac{1}{2}$ pages. *French. Ibid. No. 188.*]

Sept. 10. Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. Sending an enclosure. [*Ibid.*
Lyme. *No. 189.*]

Sept. 10. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. No news. [*Ibid. No. 190.*]
Plymouth.

Sept. 10. Richard Watts to Williamson. Shipping news. [*Ibid. No. 191.*]
Deal.

[Before Sept. 10.] Thomas King, Mayor of Coventry, and two aldermen to [the Earl of Northampton]. Stating that it was wounded rebels after Worcester fight that Mr. Brookesby attended, denying his charitable practice among the poor, stating that the office of mayor was a chargeable one, and that Mr. Brookesby was well able to serve it, and praying that his lordship would be a means whereby they may proceed in their election according to their charter. [*Ibid. No. 192.*]

Sept. 10. The King to the Mayor and Aldermen of Coventry. Revoking his letters of 24 August last on behalf of Abel Brookesby, and leaving them freely to choose a mayor at the coming election. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 75.*]

[Sept. 10.] Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 193.*]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Farmers of the Customs, &c. John Bernard, merchant, obtained 12 months ago an order from Council for the transportation of 6,000 raw hides, but the order was repealed 22 March last; before the repeal, 500 ready to be transported were seized, and informations have been exhibited against him and his agents for recovery of heavy fines thereon. As the transgression was committed before repeal of the licence, he has ordered them a pardon and release; and they are to deliver the hides back to Bernard and his agents, on their satisfying the informer. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 112.*]

Sept. 10.

Grant to Alice Biron and Lucy Biron, daughters of the late Major-General Gilbert Biron, of a pension of 100*l.* a year each. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 116.*]

Docquet thereof, dated the 22nd. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 122.*]

Sept. 10.

The King to Sir Thomas Chicheley, Master-General of Ordnance. George Legg being appointed Lieut.-General of Ordnance in reversion after David Walter, groom of the bedchamber, in order that he may be made familiar with the practice of the office, desiring him to be admitted and employed in all matters relating thereto, with power to vote at the board, sign letters and books, and assist generally in the office. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35A, f. 26.*]

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 194.*]

Sept. 10.

Mandamus for Richard Reynolds to be a Fellow of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, in one of Lady Frances Sidney's fellowships. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book, 35B, f. 16.*]

Draft of the mandamus. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 195.*]

Sept. 10.
Portsmouth.

John Moore to the Navy Commissioners. The *Phœnix* is rigged and ready to take in her victuals, but no order for victualling her has come, and there is neither beef nor pork in store, nor any beer brewed. I suggest that some guns and small arms for her watch be put aboard the *Royal James*. She lies the lowermost ship in the harbour, and should any attempt be made on her, they have nothing to defend themselves with. The ropemaker wants tar badly, there not being tarred yarn enough to make a set of main shrouds for the *Henrietta* yacht, though there is plenty of white yarn. Twelve dozen oars will be wanted for the boats now building, none being in store. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 18.*]

Sept. 11.

Richard, Lord Arundel of Trerice, and others. Certificate of the services of Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Hickes, of Luxulyan, in the late wars at Bristol and elsewhere. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 196.*]

Sept. 11.
Yarmouth.

Richard Bower to Williamson. Stating the accommodation he procured for Lord Arlington and Williamson against the King's visit to Yarmouth. [*Ibid. No. 197.*]

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Kidlington.

Mr. Justice Morton to Williamson. With regard to Gloucester, suggesting that Colonel Norwood be elected alderman in Dr. Fielding's place and chosen Mayor for the next year. The present Mayor

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and his party seem very ready to choose him, and also Dr. Fielding and some of the aldermen on his side, who have waited on him with their grievances, seem very willing. As to what you write concerning Barrow, when the King and Lord Arlington were at Windsor—being informed, not by Blood, but by some that knew both Blood and Barrow very well, that Barrow was in the design of surprising Dublin Castle, and also engaged with Blood in the intended rising in the plague time in London, and that he lived now in a private garden house in Houndsditch without Cripplegate, and now went by the name of Johnson, and that he was one of Oliver's colonels in Ireland, and had married Major-General Harrison's widow, and was a dangerous person—I issued out my warrant to the Constable of Houndsditch to apprehend him to answer what should be objected to him on his Majesty's behalf, and employed a Marshal's man that knew Barrow to go with the constable. When they knocked at the door a maidservant came, and being asked whether her master was in or not, answered yes, but seeing the constable's staff, shut and locked the door (there being divers men then in the house with Barrow). Whereupon the Marshal's men required the constable to break open the door, which he refused, being himself a fanatic. They placed spies on the house, and sent to me for an officer with musketeers to search for him. Being late at night, I sent to Lord Craven, who sent an officer and some soldiers to search the house the next morning; but Barrow and all his company were slipped out of a back door and fled, and came no more since to his house that I could hear of. Afterwards I let his wife know that if he would submit to an examination in these matters and answer the charge against him, he should not be further troubled. She, I suppose, went to him where he lay in private, for she went every evening into London, but he did not appear. I was likewise informed that she had conveyed divers trunks out of the house to places which were discovered to me, and that there might be arms or writings in them, discovering some plot against his Majesty's government. I sent for Mr. Pitfield, a justice of the peace there, and caused him to seal up the trunks. If you remember, when the King was sitting in Council I called you out to the Council chamber door, and told you of this man and most of his story, desiring you to inform Lord Arlington, and also desiring warrants to search these trunks and to examine Perrot, then in the Tower. You said the King, as soon as the Council rose, was going to Windsor, and that Lord Arlington and yourself were to follow, and then you would move Lord Arlington for a warrant to examine Perrot, but I might, as a judge, search the trunks without a warrant, which was not usual in such cases. Whereupon with Mr. Pitfield and the constable I opened the trunks, and found many rich beds, quilts, and other goods, which I suppose were plundered goods, and among them a quilted breastplate and bellypiece, which I suppose was Barrow's private armour, for it is very light, and is pistol and tuck proof. I kept that; the rest were redelivered to Barrow's wife. If you would be truly informed what this Colonel Barrow is, the Countess of Burlington and the Earl, if in London, or his chief servants there, and a

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scrivener living between Boswell Court and Shoe Lane, can fully inform you, but I am confident he is a dangerous person. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 198.]

Sept. 11. Sir Robert Carr to Williamson. I should have been very glad could you have made a slip into Lincolnshire. My wife hopes you will come down at my lord's return. Pray let me hear what is done about my Boston affair. [*Ibid.* No. 199.]

Sept. 11. Secretary Trevor to Attorney-General Finch. The King wishes Whitehall. him to enter a *nolle prosequi* upon an information in the Court of King's Bench against Sir Henry Felton, Bart., of Playford, Suffolk, for certain words uttered by him, which his Majesty is pleased to pardon. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 36, p. 36.]

Sept. $\frac{11}{2}$. Charles Longland and C. Harris to the Navy Commissioners. The Leghorn. *Summer Island, Love, and Thomas and William* have lately arrived from Port Mahon, by whom we received the enclosed from Mr. Gibson, and also certificates of what they had delivered, directed to us for payment of their freight, according to order from home. Two former ships were so paid by us per order from Alderman Backwell, but now we have no such order from him or anyone else. Had you or Alderman Backwell on your behalf hinted your minds to us, we should have been most ready to have performed the same. The ships from Scanderoon and Messina will have the convoy home of Sir W. Jennens, now in port. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 19.]

Sept. 11. Captain Richard Trevanion to the same. Forwarding demands for The *Richmond*, stores, being ordered to be one of the convoys for the herring at the Buoy of the Nore. fishery. [*Ibid.* No. 20.]

Sept. 11. Phineas Pett to the same. Enclosing a bill for bricks, which he Chatham Dock. branded because they were ordinary, not stocked bricks, which are worth 3s. or 4s. more per thousand, as the Commissioner has ordered him to take off the brand, and desiring their directions therein. Tree-nails, ordinary deals, glue, and tallow are much wanted, the stores being quite exhausted. Compass timber also is wanted, of which Mr. Mason of Maidstone is said to have a considerable parcel. [*Ibid.* No. 21.]

Sept. 12. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Sending an enclosure. Last Plymouth. week two small colliers from Wales were lost about Padstow in a violent storm, the men all saved. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 200.]

Sept. 12. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. It was some of the gentlemen and Portsmouth. retinue of the Marquess Segnelay, nephew to Monsieur Colbert, that came last Friday; he arrived himself on Sunday. The weather has been so tempestuous that he cannot proceed. The *Reserve* is still at Spithead, the *Phoenix* and *Portsmouth* sloop are preparing to go out. [*Ibid.* No. 201.]

[Before Sept. 12.] The inhabitants of Tonbridge to the King. Petition praying a grant to Sir Humphrey Miller, Charles Bickerstaffe, and Francis Skeffington of a cattle market to be held there on the first Tuesday in every month. [*Ibid.* No. 202.]

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Sept. 12. Grant to Sir Humphrey Miller, Bart., and others, of a monthly cattle market to be held at Tonbridge, co. Kent, in trust for the inhabitants thereof. [*Docquets*, Vol. 25, No. 114.]

Sept. 12. Grant to Thos. Watkins of the offices of a clerk of the Privy Seal and Clerk of the Council of the Court of Requests, in reversion after the Earl of Sandwich and the three other clerks in possession. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 12. Sir Jeremy Smyth to the Navy Commissioners. On arriving at Deptford for the speedy despatch of the *Kitchen* yacht, I found the captain had gone to London to speak with me, and that the officers and most of the men were on shore. It being 10 p.m. I ordered them aboard at once, but they did not come till 4 a.m., and then so few that I had to send for five seamen from the *Henrietta* to sail the yacht to the Buoy of the Nore, or till they met a King's ship, to whom I wrote to supply the yacht with men for her voyage. Noted that when read to the Duke, he ordered Mr. Wren to send a rebuke to the commanders of the yachts, and to enjoin the constant attendance of them and their companies on board by night as well as by day. [*S.P. Dom.*, Car. II. 300, No. 22.]

Sept. 12. Edward Boutwell to the same. Desiring a favourable answer to his petition for the master caulker's place at Chatham. [*Ibid.* No. 23.]

Sept. 12. Johanna, widow of John Coomer, deceased, to the same. Petition, requesting that her late husband's employment as storekeeper at Deal may be continued to her, she having storehouses, crabs, and boats, convenient for the purpose. [*Ibid.* No. 24.]

Sept. 12. The King to the Lord Lieutenant, or in his absence the Lords
Whitehall. Justices. Whereas the officers who served the King in Ireland before 1649 by virtue of a clause in the Act of Explanation are entitled to 100,000*l.* out of the 300,000*l.* to be raised by the year's value of the lands therein mentioned, and by an assessment on all other lands to make up the difference by which the said year's value falls short of 300,000*l.*; and whereas the said year's value will amount to much less than 300,000*l.*, and whatever it shall amount to is by the said Act preferentially applied to other purposes; and whereas several of the said officers being unwilling to depend on the uncertainties of the said supplemental assessment, and being desirous to assist towards the discharge of the great debts contracted by us for the support of that kingdom, have propounded to assign to us one moiety of their respective debts on condition of the better and more speedy payment of the other moiety being secured them: our will and pleasure is that the said proposal be forthwith proceeded with and completed, for which you are to signify to those that have already subscribed the said composition that we acknowledge it as suitable to the readiness they have always expressed in our service, and you are to acquaint those who have not yet agreed that we hope and expect they will likewise concur, the rather because in the confidence thereof we have already assigned the benefit of our agreement with them to the paying of our debts, which otherwise to

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our great prejudice will remain unsatisfied, and you are also to inform them that whatsoever the year's value shall bring in after 50,000*l.* paid to the Duke of Ormonde, and 30,000*l.* to the Earl of Suffolk, shall be solely and wholly applied to answer our agreement with them, so that whosoever subscribes shall certainly receive the benefit of his agreement within twelve months at furthest from the date of his subscription, and you are to appoint some fit person to treat and conclude with the said officers or their agents. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 122.*]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Whereas by letters patent of 16 July 1667, we granted to Richard, Earl of Arran, in trust for Robert Reading, and Jane, Countess Dowager of Mountrath, his wife, the lighthouses and towers lately built by the said Reading, namely, the two lighthouses on the hill of Howth, and that on Island Magee, near Carrickfergus, that on the Old Head of Kinsale, that near Barry Oge's Castle, within Kinsale harbour, and the tower of Hook, with power to maintain the same, and to maintain lights therein continually in the darkness of the night, and towards the supporting of the charges thereof, to receive of all ships the property of any of our subjects, and trading to or from or sailing by any of the Irish ports, 1*d.* per ton outwards, and from all ships the property of strangers, and sailing as aforesaid, 2*d.* per ton outwards and inwards, and from all boats fishing in or near any of the said harbours 10*s.* yearly, for the term of 61 years from 1 May 1667; and whereas it has been lately represented by the English House of Commons, upon the complaint of shipowners of Chester and Liverpool who make frequent voyages to Dublin, that the said duty was a grievance and burden to their trade, on which we have exempted all the ships the property of our subjects from payment thereof, and yet by petition from considerable merchants of Dublin we are desired to continue the said lighthouses, and whereas the said Reading and his wife have expended in erecting the said lighthouses 2,600*l.*: our will and pleasure is that you direct the Attorney or Solicitor General, to cause a deed of covenant to be drawn and perfected by the said Robert Reading, that neither he nor any trustee for him or the said Countess, or any person claiming under them or any of them, shall demand or take from the fisher boats or the ships of any of our subjects any composition money or duty whatsoever by virtue of the said letters patent, and for the consideration aforesaid we grant to the said Reading 500*l.* per annum out of the *Concordatum* fund, the first payment to commence from 25 May last, and to continue for the residue of the said term of 61 years. [Nearly 3 pages. *Ibid. p. 138.*]

Sept. 12.
Whitehall.

The same to the same. After reciting that in the letters patent of 4 August last, containing the agreement with Viscount Ranelagh and others concerning the Irish revenue, it was agreed that the Lord Lieutenant or other persons appointed by the King might be empowered to order the payment of any debts or arrears not therein particularly mentioned, due before last Christmas, by such instalments as they should think just, directing him to cause letters patent

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to be passed, giving full power to himself or the Lord Lieutenant for the time being, and to Michael, Archbishop of Dublin and Lord Chancellor, the Earl of Burlington and Cork, the Earls of Ossory, Orrery, and Drogheda, Viscount Ranelagh, Lords Power and Glenawley, Sir Robert Booth, Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, John Bysse, Lord Chief Baron, Sir Arthur Forbes, Sir Theophilus Jones, and George Cooper, to order payment of such debts and arrears by such instalments not exceeding eight half-yearly instalments, the first to commence on 25 Dec. next, as they or any four of them shall think fit, and on the conditions and according to the rules therein mentioned. [4½ pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 141.*]

Sept. 13. Dr. Thomas Vyner to Williamson. Concerning the differences at
Windsor Castle. Gloucester. The united forces of this and the neighbour house in the Little Cloister frequently muster up themselves in remembrance of your sweet society. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 203.*]

Sept. 13. Thomas Holden to Williamson. Sending shipping news, and ask-
Falmouth. ing him at Michaelmas to mind him concerning some place in the Custom House there. [*Ibid. No. 204.*]

Sept. 13. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. (Identical with the beginning
Falmouth. of the last.) [*Ibid. No. 205.*]

Sept. 13. Richard Watts to Williamson. The 11th and 12th there were the
Deal. most violent storms and rains within the memory of man, both without intermission. Twelve small vessels in the Downs sustained no damage except an Amsterdammer, who was forced to cut away his mast. [*Ibid. No. 206.*]

Sept. 13. The King to Sir Thomas Chicheley. Having previously ordered, for the safety of Windsor Castle, new fortifications between the keep and the lower court, it is found necessary to pull down the house assigned to James Davis, wardrobe keeper; this is to be done at once, and an allowance of 20*l.* a year passed to him in lieu thereof from the Ordnance Office, during his life or continuance in office, and then to cease. [*Ibid. No. 207.*]

Draft thereof. [*Ibid. No. 208.*]

Draft of the clause for cesser on his death. [*Ibid. No. 209.*]

Minute thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35A, f. 27.*]

Sept. 13. Similar warrant for 16*l.* a year to Sir Edward Carteret, Gentle-
man Usher of the Black Rod, for pulling down his house. [*Ibid.*]

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 208.*]

Sept. 13. Grant to ——— Kirke, of a land waiter's place in reversion.
Minute. [*S.P. Dom. Entry Book 34, f. 116.*]

Sept. 13. Pardon and release to Sir William Temple, Bart., of several parcels of plate delivered to him for the service of his chapel and household during his embassy to Holland, given to him by his Majesty of his royal bounty. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 115.*]

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Sept. 13. Grant to James Smyth, merchant, of the privilege of sole making and planting mather (madder), for 14 years, at the yearly rent of 40s. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 116.*]

Sept. 13. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I shall communicate to the storekeeper His Royal Highness's order about his receiving, indenting for, and issuing the firelocks, ammunition, and stores to be kept here, and shall direct him to receive them when sent. I find the quantity of broken guns and shot in the *Katherine* is about what I formerly mentioned. I have sent a man to see what knees from Mr. Boyce's wrecks may be useful for the service, and shall inform you. I enclose contract for knees with Thomas Gould. Mr. Hutchinson says Mr. Gregory cannot receive the 400*l.* on the bill of imprest you sent for board wages without the Treasurers' order, which I desire you to acquaint them with. I shall let the *Norwich* and *Richmond* appointed for the herring fishery in place of the *Foresight*, have such provisions as are here that they want. I shall see his Royal Highness's warrant and your orders about the 300 men to be entered on the three ships in the river as a guard executed, and shall appoint a purser to receive, indent for, and issue the fourteen days' sea victuals for the 200 men to be employed on the boats under Captain Page. [*1½ page. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 25.*]
Enclosed,

The said contract, dated the 9th. [Ibid. No. 251.]

Sept. 13. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing the remission of the new quit rents imposed on the respective estates of Colonel Charles Molloy and Captain Terence Molloy, by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation. [*Nearly 4 pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 117.*]

Sept. 13. The King to the Lord Lieutenant, and in his absence, to the Lords Justices. Directing the issue of *concordatum* warrants to the persons and for the amounts respectively named in the letter of 21 August (calendared *ante*, p. 441), except that Lord Breminham, Colonel Gilbert Talbot, James Dillon, and Thomas Terrell are omitted, and the following added: Viscount Roche and Lords Trimleston and Louth, 100*l.* each; William Talbot of Robecktown and Colonel James Dempsey, 50*l.* each. [*Ibid. p. 120.*]

Sept. 13. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing him forthwith to issue his warrant of *concordatum* for the 200*l.* which at Michaelmas will be in arrear of Philip Alden's pension, and to issue such warrants in future for payment of the pension. [*See ante, p. 265. Ibid. p. 148.*]

Two drafts of the above letter. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, Nos. 198, 199.*]

Sept. 14. R. Williamson to ——— Everard. Sir James Hayes left at the office a caveat on behalf of Prince Rupert, that no grant pass in relation to Windsor without his consent signified, and that therefore the patent now passing for Thomas Lamplugh is to be stopped till he signifies his further pleasure. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 210.*]

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Sept. 14. James Ross to Williamson. Begging his favour for a friend of his, whose husband, Peter Thomson, a ropemaker at Lynn, made away with himself. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 292, No. 211.]
- Sept. 14. Richard Watts to Williamson. A pink from the Westward Deal. reports the fleet of above 80 ships that went out last Sunday is much dispersed in the Channel; some lost their mainmasts, others their topmasts, and many of them suffered much damage. [*Ibid.* No. 212.]
- Sept. 14. Dr. John Fell to Sir Leoline Jenkins. Returning his draft with a slight alteration, the election being not of a Law Bedell by statute, but of an Architypographer, the Bedell's place being to be held by way of annexation to the other, and suggesting his sending down an undated letter to await the death of Mr. Wilkins, which is soon expected. When the Vice-Chancellor returns they must begin to move in the affair of printing with all possible speed. [*Ibid.* No. 213.]
- [Before Sept. 14.] Captain Abraham Langford to the Duke of York. Petition praying for a lieutenant's commission in one of the four companies in the late regiment of Sir Tobias Bridge, which the King is about to establish, and in which he served as adjutant at St. Christophers and elsewhere, till sent by Lord Willoughby to England. [*Ibid.* No. 214.]
- Sept. 14. Commission to [Edmond] Andros as major, and to others as captains, &c. (including one to Langford as lieutenant), in the Barbados regiment. [*All calendared in S.P. Col., America, &c., 1669-74, p. 259. S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35A, ff. 28, 29.*]
- Sept. 14. Captain Silas Taylor to the Navy Commissioners. Last Tuesday's Harwich. storm in the morning threw down one of our spauls, and that carried with it a pane of our pales. It broke in pieces the water gate of the great lanch, it forced the planks in the inside of the wharf, fastened with both spikes and treenails, washed away the earth, and had not we newly sheathed the house wharfs, I believe it had done abundance more harm, for our neighbours' wharfs that stand more inwards are taken away, to the endangering their dwellings. Our damage will be repaired at a small charge, which we are now about, for this morning we have got up a new water gate, and shall mend all the rest. Our ancient men have assured me they never saw the like; out of the sea they came rolling into the port, and there ran themselves ashore. The spauls still standing seem to threaten mischief if they fall. They are rotten two or three inches within the ground, but sound above and below. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 26.]
- Sept. 14. Edward Gregory to the same. Extremity of weather has Chatham. prevented me from going to the Buoy of the Nore to put the ships there into petty warrant, according to your order of the 6th, but I shall do so the first opportunity. The victuallers here tell me they have received no orders from London, and that, if they had, they are wholly incapacitated to supply the ships. [*Ibid.* No. 27.]

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Sept. 14. Captain Thomas Eliot to the same. Informing them that their
Spithead. victuals are almost exhausted, and that he sees no likelihood of a
supply there. Noted that Sir J. Smith was charged to solicit the
victualler. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 28.*]
- Sept. 14. Daniel Furzer to Colonel Thomas Middleton. Describing an
Woolwich. attempt, which was frustrated, by some riggers from the *Kent* on
Monday night to steal the boom hawser, and requesting a supply
of timber to keep the men at work on the two ships to be docked,
the *Bristol* and *Kent*. [*Ibid. No. 29.*]
- Sept. 15. Order in Council that Captain Crow of the *Merlin* yacht be
Whitehall. released from his imprisonment. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, No. 215.*]
- Friday,
Sept. 15. Memorandum by Williamson, to inquire at the House of Commons
[1671.] where Mr. Hughes, the keeper of the Speaker's Chambers, &c.,
dwells, and to inquire of him who keeps the House of Commons'
journals, now that Mr. Goldsbrough is out of town, and where they
are kept. At foot, in a different hand : Mr. Brewood in Cursitor's
Alley, in Chancery Lane, near the Rose Tavern on that side the
way, between two barber's poles. [*Ibid. No. 216.*]
- Sept. 15. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Enclosing a list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. [*Ibid. No. 217.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 217i.*]
- Sept. 15. Colonel H. Norwood to Williamson. I hoped to have killed many
birds with one stone, by meeting you at Lord Arlington's, but I will
soon wait on you to discourse the business of Gloucester. I desire
your favour for the bearer, my cousin Rodney, in making him an
officer of the Barbados regiment in which he served three years as a
captain. [*Ibid. No. 218.*]
- Sept. 15. Petition of Henry Partridge and Thos. Drayton of Lambeth, co.
[Received.] Surrey, to the King and Council, for payment to them of 100*l.*
reward offered for the discoverer of the owner of a small pocket
pistol, used in the late attempt on the Duke of Ormonde ; they dis-
covered the same to belong to Thos. Hunt, a highwayman, and
proved the same ; they were examined thereon before the Council
and the House of Lords, and through their discovery, Hunt was put
into the *Gazette*. [*Ibid. No. 219.*]
- Sept. 15. Order for a warrant to pay to John Lindsey, goldsmith of London,
2,000*l.* for secret service, out of the first hearth money collected
from houses in the City rebuilt since the fire. [*S.P. Dom.,*
Entry Book 26, f. 113.]
- Sept. 15. Captain John Willgress to the Navy Commissioners. From
The *Assistance*, Barbadoes we landed Sir Charles Wheeler at Nevis, and then went
Port Royal. by St. Domingo, where we were friendly received, to Jamaica. We
were ordered thence to Carthagená, and proclaimed peace there.
The *Welcome* is now gone to St. Jago de Cuba, and we are bound
for Campeché Bay and the Havana, to bring the privateers to
obedience, according to his Majesty's proclamation. Both ships have
been very sickly, and have lost many of their officers and men. The

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merchant ships had their shares, but, thanks be to God, all are very well after their seasoning to the climate. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 30.*]

Sept. 15.
Leghorn.

Sir William Jennens to the same. Sending a copy of the boatswain of the *Falcon's* receipt for a cable, a longboat, and 50 hammocks, supplied at Plymouth, that he may be charged therewith in his accounts, and also a bill of disbursements for 104½ pieces of eight made good there by Sir T. Clutterbuck, being the cost of a new bowsprit, &c., supplied at Messina, the old one having been spent between Zante and that place. [*Ibid. No. 31.*]

Sept. 15.
Woolwich
Ropeyard.

W. Bodham to the same. Reminding them that the hemp there will be exhausted in less than a week. [*Ibid. No. 32.*]

Sept. 15.
Dublin.

Sir Maurice Eustace to Lord [Arlington]. Assuring him of his constant good affection, presuming that on the Lord Lieutenant's arrival, which is daily expected, there will be business enough, and hoping that he will intimate that there is no intention of removing the Lord Chief Baron, who is much alarmed at the rumour. [3 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 200.*]

Sept. 15.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing a grant to the Bishop of Raphoe, on his translation to Clogher, of the sinecure archdeaconry of Connor, to hold *in commendam*, which had been so held by him when bishop of Dromore and Raphoe, he undertaking to lay out the whole of the profits of the archdeaconry towards erecting a mansion house for the bishops of Clogher, there being not the least cottage belonging to the bishop where he may reside. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 126.*]

Sept. 15.
Whitehall.

Order in Council that, a dispute having arisen at an election of a jurat in Guernsey, in place of Peter Carey, deceased, Isaac Carey and John Bonamy having received an equal number of votes, the said John Bonamy should be admitted and sworn jurat. [*S.P. Channel Islands, Vol. 9, No. 8.*]

Sept. 16.
The Tower.

Charles Modyford to Williamson. Enclosing a packet for Lord Arlington, and humbly desiring him to peruse it in Lord Arlington's absence, and, if possible, to procure his release. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 1.*]

[Sept. 16.]

Petition of Charles, youngest son of Sir Thomas Modyford, merchant, now prisoner in the Tower, to the King, for release, hearing that Sir Thomas Lynch has certainly received the government of Jamaica from Sir Thomas Modyford. [*Ibid. No. 2.*]

Sept. 16.
Gloucester.

Dr. Henry Fowler to Williamson. I received a full letter from Mr. Justice Morton, showing his Majesty's resolution touching our present condition, which is so distracted that I know not what to do in it. Our adversaries desired that Mr. Justice Morton should have a full view of all grievances on both sides on paper, which we performed, but have not yet heard they have put in theirs, but they are gone to London, where they may trouble his Majesty and the Council with unjust relations, and therefore I beg you, if any such

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thing should be, you will inform me of it. On your last to the judge and his last to me, we have hitherto sat still, and shall expect his Majesty's pleasure. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 3.]

Sept. 16. Sir Charles Lyttelton to Williamson. Informing him that a ship
Landguard Fort. will be sailing next week to Jamaica, by which he or Lord Arlington may send letters, and thanking him for Midgley's discharge. [*Ibid.* No. 4.]

Sept. 16. Pass to Robert, Bishop of Raphoe, for transporting six coach
Whitehall. horses into Ireland. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 36, p. 37.]

Sept. 16. Warrant to Lord Keeper Bridgman to prepare a commission to
Whitehall. Thomas Barker and six other English merchants at Dantzic to administer to Francis Sanderson, a merchant of the Eastland Company, appointed by them as their deputy at Dantzic, the oaths necessary to be taken by a deputy, as he cannot, without great inconvenience, repair to England to be sworn into his office. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 16. Captain William Davies to the Navy Commissioners. We arrived
The *Mary Rose*, here with the *Success*, 3 August, but finding no ship ready for the
Bay of Bulls. first convoy, I sent boats north and south to inform them the first convoy would be ready to sail by the 15th, and the second by 20 September, but none appeared before the 20th. He sailed the 28th, with twenty-three vessels. Each boat has generally made not above 140 kintalls (quintals), except in the Bay of Consumption, where they have over 200. About thirty vessels are now here, and we wait only for the rest. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 33.]

Sept. 16. Colonel Thomas Middleton to the same. Giving an account of the ships in the different yards needing repairs, and also of those which his Royal Highness expects home this year, with the probable place of repair of each, and stating that he had written to the officers of the different yards to ascertain what time the repairs would take, and what stores would be wanted for doing them, and keeping the whole fleet at sea next year, and will communicate the replies when received. [*Ibid.* No. 34.] *Enclosed,*

The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 34i.]

Sept. 16. Captain Thomas Willshaw to the same. Desiring a further supply of sea victuals for the *Francis* fireship, bound for the Straits, but now at the Buoy of the Nore pressing men for Sir John Chicheley, as they have spent already those for twelve days, and also to be allowed coopers' stores. [*Ibid.* No. 35.]

Sept. 16. Daniel Furzer to Colonel Thomas Middleton. Enclosing a demand
Woolwich. for what is required to finish the *Bristol* and *Kent*, and praying for a speedy supply of timber, and also that the plumber may be sent down for the furnace of the *St. David*. [*Ibid.* No. 36.]

Sept. 16. Contract by John Mashman with Commissioner Tippetts for
Portsmouth. supplying 10,000 broom at 3s. 3d. per hundred. [*Ibid.* No. 37.]

Sept. 17. Charles Modyford to Williamson. I sent yesterday a packet to
The Tower. Lord Arlington, containing three letters, and a testimony from the master and boatswain of the vessel from Jamaica, that Sir

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Thomas Lynch had the government surrendered him by Sir Thomas Modyford with all respect due to his Majesty's commission. The letters I desire to have again, with (as I hope) my discharge. Mr. Potts looked very carefully over every letter, and sent me word he had nothing for Lord Arlington, but to Lord Sandwich and the Council of Plantations he sent a packet so directed, which was yesterday delivered to him, and I earnestly entreat it may be read to-day, so that with your assistance I shall not be detained here by mistake, neglect, or indiscretion of the master, or any other person. [S.P. *Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 5.]

Sept. 17. Dr. Thomas Yates to Sir Leoline Jenkins. I communicated your obliging letter to Mr. Dean before I slept. The draft of the grant has been altered and amended according to your direction. As soon as you understand Mr. Attorney's judgment on our case (and the sooner the better, for we have little time to prepare by Lady Day) Mr. Dean and I may possibly wait on you and Mr. Williamson to thank you and communicate our thoughts and receive your advice. Mr. Dean informed me of your design of our gaining some additional powers, but as to one particular, I conceive we are safe already, for not only our charter of 13 March, 8 Charles I., inhibits printing any exemplar printed here out of any of our libraries for 21 years after, but also any new tract of any scholar of the University printed here, for ten years after, but the Act of the 14th of the present King inhibits all persons, if they be entered in the Register here, without the consent of the author and proprietor. Tim. Wilkins is come down out of his chamber, and means to deceive those that would succeed him and the world once more. [2 pages. *Ibid.* No. 6.]

Sept. 17. John Carlile to Williamson. A miscarriage was lately committed by
Dover. our little Mayor in some company on Saturday night three weeks, who was so much disguised in drink that he was led home and his periwig burnt on his head, and his cloak slit and other things offered in the like nature, but he was so much in drink that he cannot tell by whom. This troublesome Mayor has brought this before his Royal Highness against some of the company, and threatens to have them up by messengers, though they are willing to appear at the first summons of letter. I suppose it will be another business before the King and Council, for Mr. Mayor was the prime cause of the folly. He is the person that the Earl of Sandwich stood so much for being made Mayor twelve months ago. I pray you to make Lord Arlington sensible of this business, that the charges of messengers may be saved. [*Ibid.* No. 7.]

Sept. 17. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Enclosing a list of ships
Plymouth. arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 8.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 81.]

Sept. 17. Richard Watts to ———. Stating that he was once Sur-
Deal. veyor of Customs at Deal, but was dismissed by the present Farmers without any complaint against him, and now Commissioners being appointed, asking him to deliver the enclosed to

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Secretary Williamson, who he knows can prevail, and to inquire of him whether he should come up. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 9.*] *Enclosed,*

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Richard Watts to Williamson. There being a report that the new Farmers of the Customs are dismissed, and Commissioners appointed, hoping that by his favour he stands fair for his old employment, and asking for his order therein. [Ibid. No. 91.]

Sept. 17.
Whitehall.

The King to the Vice Chancellor of Oxford. The late King added much to the University privileges, in the affair of printing, and provided that the office of Architypographer should have that of superior beadle in the law faculty annexed to it; but on the last vacancy in the beadle's place, the late King's statute was neglected through inadvertence. The Duke of Ormonde, Chancellor of the University, says there is an opportunity of transferring the superior law beadle to the place of beadle in either of the other faculties. When the law beadleship is vacant, they are to choose an Architypographer well capable of governing the printing presses, and understanding the mechanical part of printing, that the productions of their great imprimerie may be answerable to the honour of the University. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 77.*]

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 10.*]

Sept. 17.

Grant to Francis Villiers of one of the four tellerships of the Exchequer, upon the determination of the interests of Sir G. Downing, Lawrence Squib, John Loveing, and Sir William Doyley, the present tellers, and after the reversions of Thomas Vernon, [George] Downing, and [Simon] Clifford, Esqrs. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 116.*]

Docquet thereof, dated 30 October. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 139.*]

[Aug. or
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William Sarsfield of Lucan to the King. Petition, stating that he and his ancestor, William Sarsfield, from whom he derives most of his estate, were declared innocent by the Court of Claims, and that he is out of possession of most of his estate, and has commenced a suit to recover the same against Sir Theophilus Jones, and praying for a release of the new quit rent and year's value, and the arrears thereof, and that the estate be left subject only to such rents as existed in 1641. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 201.*] *Annexed,*

Certificate by Richard Chappell, Deputy Auditor, of the lands in Counties Dublin and Kildare, belonging to Patrick and William Sarsfield, with the quit rents thereon. [Ibid. No. 2011.]

Sept. 17.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing him to cause letters patent to be passed, granting to William Sarsfield of Lucan, in fee simple, the new quit rents charged by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, and the arrears thereof issuing out of:—(1.) The lands belonging to his uncle William Sarsfield, now in the possession of Sir Theophilus Jones and others, during the life of his father Patrick Sarsfield. (2.) The lands in Kildare of which his grandfather, Peter

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Sarsfield, was seised and possessed on 23 October 1641, which are to come to him after his said grandfather's death, and are now in the possession of several persons, so that he may receive the said rents during the lives of his said father and grandfather respectively, and they may be merged in the said respective estates when they fall into possession respectively. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 124.*]

Draft thereof, dated August. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 202.*]

[Sept. ?]

The Provost, Fellows, and Scholars of Trinity College, Dublin, to the King. Petition praying that the lands in Kerry, granted to them by Queen Elizabeth and King James, and confirmed to them by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, be created and erected into the several manors expressed in the annexed draft. [*Ibid. No. 203.*]
Annexed,

Draft of a King's letter to the Lord Lieutenant, for passing letters patent creating the said lands into the manors of Carrigafoyle, alias Rocksborough and Nohaval, and granting to the said college various privileges connected therewith, among them that of emparking 1,000 acres into one park for deer or other beasts of venery. [3½ pages. Ibid. No. 203I.]

Sept. 17.
Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. On the petition of the Provost, Fellows, and Scholars of Trinity College, directing letters patent to be passed erecting the lands decreed to them in Kerry by the Commissioners for executing the Act of Explanation into manors, viz.: those in the baronies of Iraghticonnor and Clan Maurice into the manor of Carrigafoyle or Rocksborough, and those in the baronies of Trughanacmy, Iveragh, Moygunihy, and Glanarought, into the manor of Nohavells, with powers to hold courts leet and courts baron, and to empark not exceeding 1,000 acres, and with a grant of two fairs yearly at Carrigafoyle, and other the powers usual in similar grants. [4¼ pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 130.*]

Sept. 18.
Yarmouth.

Richard Bower to Williamson. There is missing out of the two fleets from Newcastle and the light fleets from this road about 160 sail. We are already informed of fourteen sail of this town, and fear many more, besides the loss in the fishery. A fisherman that rode out the storm saw a Dutch man-of-war of 24 guns, one of the convoy to their fishery, founder at anchor, and the men all lost. The sea is so full of wreck on these coasts that those at sea are forced to look out sharp to steer clear of it. Several firkins of butter have been taken up by the seaside, and much discovered at sea. A ship arrived here from Norway met off this coast a great flyboat sunk, her masts being all gone, so that at first he thought her aground on some sand, but by the lead found it nineteen fathoms. This afternoon the corporation met and agreed on a present for the King, a warp of golden herrings hung in a golden chain, to the value of between 200*l.* and 300*l.*, and order is given for them. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 11.*]

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Sept. 18. Colonel Thomas Blood to Williamson. Describing a visit he received from an unknown person, who, he suspects, was sent by some ill-willer to ensnare him, and desiring to know his Majesty's pleasure for his future carriage in such cases. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 12.]

Sept. 18. Anthony Thorold to Williamson. As he understands there is a
Lyme. change from Farmers to Commissioners, renewing his request that he would get him what he could with them. [*Ibid.* No. 13.]

Sept. 18. Memorandum. "Mr. Samuel Powell for sending a challenge to Mr. Clinton, who dwells in the same house." [*Ibid.* No. 14.]

Sept. 18. Sir D. Gauden, Sir Thomas Littleton, Sir D. Ashburnham, Josiah
Victualling Child, and B. Gauden, victuallers of the Navy, to Samuel Pepys. We
Office. find that besides the necessity of losing no time in procuring and saving beef and pork, there is absolute necessity of securing casks, bags, and bay salt, which cannot be easily obtained, if at all, in time of war. That you may better understand why we crave present help in money, we forward an estimate of what victuals for 20,000 men for six months, that the present season requires to be provided and secured, will amount to, and also of the casks, &c., that must be presently secured. In case the action exceeds the said victuals for 20,000 men, a present and proportional increase of money will be absolutely necessary. We crave you to lay before his Royal Highness the necessity of our being forthwith supplied with money proportional to the service required, and wish you a good journey.

The said estimate :—

Beef	-	-	480,000 ps.	-	-	20,000 <i>l.</i>	
Pork	-	-	480,000 ps.	-	-	12,000 <i>l.</i>	
Fish	-	-	360,000 sized	-	-	12,000 <i>l.</i>	44,000 <i>l.</i>
Pipe staves	-	-	584,000	-	-	7,000 <i>l.</i>	
Hogshead staves	-	-	213,000	-	-	1,800 <i>l.</i>	
Biscuit bags	-	-	33,600	-	-	1,400 <i>l.</i>	
Bay salt	-	-	-	-	-	2,000 <i>l.</i>	12,200 <i>l.</i>
							56,200 <i>l.</i>

Noted that this was sent to Pepys on his intended journey to the King, then at Norwich. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 38.]

Sept. 19. Sir Richard Browne to Williamson. Having recovered from the
Sayes Court. gout I intended to have spent this week at Whitehall, and to have driven on our concern as far as possible, before the King's journey to Norfolk; but Mr. Evelyn saying Lord Arlington would not be in town, I fear nothing can be done before his Majesty's return. If you are of opinion that anything can be done sooner, I will come to Whitehall immediately. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 15.]

Sept. 19. Mr. Justice Morton to Williamson. Since your last of the 14th
Kidlington. the Mayor of Gloucester has been with me, and an alderman, and others of the adverse party. I cannot possibly reconcile them. The Mayor seems very willing to choose Colonel Norwood if he will

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accept it. Dr. Fielding and the adverse party make a show of being willing, but raise objections that it will endanger their charter, though I have assured them the contrary. They are for Alderman Bubb, a weak man that lives out of the town and will be led by the nose by them. The Mayor on the election day, Monday sennight, will propose Colonel Norwood if he will accept and not countermand it. Pray hasten Colonel Norwood's resolution, that I may inform the Mayor. If he accepts, he should be present at the election, that when he is sworn he may take his oath. The Bishop exceedingly approves of this expedient. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 16.*]

Sept. 19. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts have nothing of
Portsmouth. news. [*Ibid. No. 17.*]

Sept. 19. Licence to Thomas, Lord Dacre, who had a pass to go abroad,
Whitehall. but has returned within the limited time, to go beyond seas for four years, with Thomas Leonard, his uncle, and their servants, with 40*l.* in money and necessary utensils; provided he do not go into the dominions of any prince at enmity with his Majesty, nor keep company with persons who left the country without licence, nor with Jesuits nor seminary priests, or other evil affected persons, and that he return when summoned by his Majesty or Privy Council, through an Ambassador. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 39.*]

Sept. 19. Warrant to the trustees for the sale of fee-farm and other rents, that all persons having orders registered on the moneys to arise by the sale thereof, may be at liberty to purchase the same, the purchase money to be paid into the Exchequer, and applied first in discharge of the orders registered, and afterwards as therein mentioned. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 117.*]

Sept. 19. Sir George Downing to Sir John Bankes and Samuel Pepys. By desire of the Treasury Commissioners, asking them to hasten their report about the difference between his Majesty and the East India Company about the freight of the *Leopard*. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 39.*]

Sept. 19. Captain John Tinker, J. Uthwat, and Jonas Shish to the Navy
Deptford. Commissioners. Sending an appraisement of the *Moderation* ketch, amounting to 391*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* [*Ibid. No. 40.*]

Sept. 19. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing the remission to
Whitehall. Colonel Garret Moore of the new quit rents, amounting to 145*l.* 18*s.* 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.*, imposed by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation on the lands whereof he or his ancestors were seised on 23 October 1641, and which have been decreed to him and still remain in his possession. [*2 $\frac{1}{2}$ pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 156.*]

Sept. 19. The same to the same. Directing in the same form as the last,
Whitehall. the remission to Colonel John Kelly of new quit rents amounting to 43*l.* 8*s.* 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.* [*2 pages. Ibid. p. 181.*]

Sept. 19. The same to the same. Directing letters patent to be passed
Whitehall. granting to Matthew Guinn, for the term of 99 years from the date of the said letters, the duties of 2*d.* on every cow or bullock killed

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to sell within the town and liberties of Galway, 3*d.* on every cask of butter to be retailed within the said town and liberties, and 20*d.* on every tun of beef or butter to be transported out of the said town and liberties, which said duties have always been enjoyed by his uncle, Andrew Lynch, and his predecessors, having been granted to one of them by the Corporation of Galway, in consideration of a Tholsel house and a sum of money given by him to the corporation, and which are now vested in the Crown by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 192.*]

Sept. 20.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Last night arrived Sir Henry Jones with four other passengers in the Calais packet-boat, forced in by foul weather. The common report is about nine or ten sail of our vessels that went out of the Downs on the 10th are lost on the French coast. Certainly much wreck is on the coast of France. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 18.*]

Sept. 20.
Yarmouth.

Richard Bower to Williamson. Sir Thomas Meddowes has been persuaded by the friends to the King and Church's interest to accept the place of head bailiff for next year, which he enters on next Michaelmas Day. We hope the weather may retard his Majesty's journey till then, to take part of his feast. In his absence they have chosen Mr. James Johnson's house for his Majesty's reception, one of the ringleaders that bore arms against his Majesty, his brother and he being the first that stirred, on which parson Bridge took occasion to exhort the others to fight the Lord's battles, speaking of their father told them he had but two sons and gave them both up to the Lord. He is the only person opposing the King's party here, but Sir William Doyley's great favourite. His house is only hired by the town, they are at all the charge of furniture and provision, yet he promises himself all the honour, and the fanatics have already concluded him to be a knight. A couple of gentlemen come as harbingers viewed the houses and lodgings at the south end of the town, and liked the house of Justice Caulières better than Mr. Johnson's, which I preserve for my lord, if he come and accept it; if not, it is wholly at your service. [*Ibid. No. 19.*]

Sept. 20.

H. Brouncker to Williamson. I am satisfied by my lord for my part of the money disputed betwixt the City and me, and therefore desire you to deliver the warrant for the pardon of the arrears. [*Ibid. No. 20.*]

Sept. 20.
Windsor.

G. Hascard to [Williamson]. Your free way in bestowing your favours, and that infinite obligation that lies on me to make Lady Rachel as happy as I can in this condition, make me confident to beg of you that upon the creation or removal into the bishopric of the dead or dying Bishop of Durham, if any benefice falls to the King's disposal, you would give me your assistance in its procurement. The duty I must ever owe to Lady Rachel's happiness makes me lay aside all modesty. Lady Rachel makes me highly pleased with your promise to be here Friday. If you please we will throw the house out of the window, then the college will be bound to build a better. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *Ibid. No. 21.*]

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Sept. 20. Dr. Henry Fowler to Williamson. Concerning his interview
Gloucester. with Judge Morton, and the expediency of Colonel Norwood's being
made Mayor, and desiring that a letter from the King be procured,
inviting the Common Council to such a choice, as presumably no
man would then be so impudent as to deny it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.*
293, No. 22.]
- [Sept. 20.] Warrant for a grant with survivorship to Sir Allen Apsley and his
son Peter, of the office of master, surveyor, and keeper of the hawks,
with a salary of 570*l.*, and an allowance of 800*l.* a year for furnish-
ing and provision of hawks, on surrender of patents of the same to
the former only, dated 12 July 1660. [*Draft. Ibid. No. 23.*]
- Sept. 20. Minute of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 118.*]
Docquet of the said grant, dated November. [*Docquets, Vol. 25,*
No. 152.]
- Sept. 20. The King to Robert, Bishop of Bath and Wells. Requesting him as
Whitehall. patron to confirm a demise made by Dr. Francis Mundy, of the rectory
of Ashbury, co. Berks, whereof he is incumbent, the vicarage there
being well endowed; it has usually been demised for long terms of
years, and the last term is not quite expired, but is surrendered to
him, and he has again demised it. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 27.*]
- Sept. 20. Warrant to Sir Wm. Morton, or the Recorder of London, to
Whitehall. deliver on bail Edward Goddard, labourer, of St. Giles'-in-the-Fields,
Middlesex, condemned at the Old Bailey for felony, to Robert Light-
foot, servant to the Queen, to be by him transported to some of the
foreign plantations, Lightfoot being well acquainted with some of
the convict's relations, whom he knows to be very honest people.
[*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 54.*]
- Sept. 20. The King to Lord Hatton, Governor of Guernsey. Having been
informed of the dispute at the late election of a jurat in the room of
Peter Carey, deceased, the votes for Isaac Carey and John Bonamy
having been equal, directing that the election of the said Isaac Carey
be declared void, and the said John Bonamy be admitted and sworn
as jurat. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 78.*]
- Sept. 20. The King to the Bailiff and Jurats. To the like effect. [*Ibid.*]
- Sept. 20. Privy seal for 10,000*l.* to Sir Stephen Fox for secret services
without account. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 116.*]
Docquet thereof, dated the 22nd. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 121.*]
- [Sept. 20.] Grant of pardon to Ralph Alexander, in the same form with
Blood's. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 116.*]
- Sept. 20. Warrant for a grant of the King's moiety of the *James* of
Whitehall. Belfast, seized under the Navigation Act. [*Calendared in*
S.P. Col., America, &c., 1669-74, p. 261. Ibid. f. 117.]
Docquet of the said grant, dated 6 October. [*Docquets, Vol. 25,*
No. 132.]
- Sept. 20. Warrant for inserting into the grant of 12 July 1671, to the Lord
Mayor, &c., of the City of London, of certain arrears of money, a

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grant of all sums which have been collected (except on the Act for hearth money), now remaining in the hands of any collector, whether the same be arrears of such assessment or moneys over-rated on the inhabitants, and are now due and owing. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 117.*]

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The King to the Treasury Commissioners. The late Queen Mother granted to Sir Peter Killigrew, in trust for Sir Thomas Orby, the manor and lands of Crowland, co. Lincoln, for a rent of 193*l.* 9*s.*, and fine of 4,500*l.* Of this fine he paid 2,250*l.*, and gave a bond for 4,500*l.* for payment of the other 2,250*l.* This debt she declared she would for faithful service forgive him, but died before giving a warrant for redelivery of his bond. These are therefore to authorise the Queen Mother's trustees to redeliver the bond. [*Ibid.*]

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Order to Simon Smith, appointed to impale Windsor Great Park, to take in 30 acres in Cranborne Walk, lately planted with acorns, and also as much land about the several lodges, and about the new house called Byfield House, as was formerly impaled, and to impale it at the agreed price. [*Ibid. f. 118.*]

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Draft or copy thereof, with note that the new ground is Moate Park, in the possession of William Smith or his assigns. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 24.*]

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Reference to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury of Sir Thomas Williamson's petition, praying his Majesty's assistance to ease him of the debt he is engaged in for the late Lord Lexington, that they may see how far his Majesty may allow him the leases he proposes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 37, p. 6.*]

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Warrant to pay to Samuel Cooper, the King's limner, the money due to him after the rate of 200*l.* *per annum* for his diet since his appointment, and to continue that allowance during pleasure. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 118.*]

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Sarah Hickes to Thomas Hayter. As her late husband, Richard Howell, had given a bond to the King as security for Rowland Powell, purser of the *London*, entreating him to cause Powell to be called on to pass his accounts, if he has not done so, and giving notice that she will not be responsible for any accounts of the said Powell after that date. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 41.*]

Sept. 20.
Bristol.

Francis Baylie to the Navy Commissioners. Giving the dimensions and freight of two vessels, for which he has been in treaty for carrying the plank from the Forest of Dean to Portsmouth. [*Ibid. No. 42.*]

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Chatham.

Commissioner John Cox to the same. There is no longboat here suitable for Captain Hayward. Several pieces of ironwork, and also bar shot, have lately been stolen out of ships now in dock here by three lads belonging to the *Victory* and *Dunkirk*, who have been sent to Maidstone Gaol, and who shall be prosecuted with the receiver of part of the iron. I have lent an anchor to the master of the *Charity*, and an anchor and cable to the master of the *King Solomon*, both of whom lost their anchors and had to run their

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vessels ashore near Sheerness in the late storm. They are to return the same into the yard at Deptford, or make such satisfaction as you shall demand. I informed you that the bill of imprest for 400*l.* for the pressed men here was not paid. This Friday eight weeks are due to them. They are in great want, and will, I fear, leave the work here if not relieved. Pray order something to be done for their relief. [*1½ page. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 43.*]

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Whitehall.

Warrant for a gift to Charles Maitland of Halton, Treasurer Depute of Scotland, of the pension of 500*l.* sterling *per annum*, formerly enjoyed by William, Lord Bellenden, late Treasurer Depute, deceased, to commence at Martinmas next. Noted that this signature and docquet were both renewed, with the addition in both that this gift was over and above a former pension of 200*l.* granted 7 January 1668. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 265.*]

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Memorial of a protection in the ordinary form, for three years, to Sir George Curror. [*Ibid. p. 268.*]

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Warrant for the appointment of Edward Fountaine and his brother, James Fountaine, during their joint lives, to be Masters of the Revels in Scotland, the survivor after the death of the other to continue Master of the Revels during his life, with power to them to erect in any city or town in Scotland a theatre wherein tragedies, comedies, tragi-comedies and all other entertainments of the stage may be shown, and to gather and govern players and persons for that purpose, which company shall be the servants of the King and the Queen, and to receive money from persons who shall resort to such entertainments, and further with authority not only to represent such entertainments of the stage in Scotland, but also to authorize the showing of all public trials of skill in the science of defence, all puppet-shows and plays of that nature, public showing of monsters or other strange shows, dancing on the ropes, bull-baiting, bear-baiting, and other shows whatsoever of that kind, and with all the liberties, privileges, immunities, and casualties whatsoever belonging to the office of Master of the Revels, with a prohibition to all persons except the said Fountaines and their licensees, to act plays or represent any of the shows above mentioned, and commanding that no play or other stage entertainment be acted by the said company, nor any other show shown or licensed by the said Masters of the Revels, containing swearing or profanity or any passage offensive to piety or good manners, nor any old play containing any such offensive passage, until the same shall have been corrected. [*Ibid. p. 269.*]

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The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing the delivery to Sir James Shaen, Surveyor-General of Ireland, or his deputies, to be preserved by him or them for the King's service, of all the records, offices, inquisitions, books of entries, journals, claims, particulars, schedules, constats, deeds, transcripts, certificates, reports, abstracts, accounts, rolls, valuations, returns, warrants, orders, instructions and extracts, and all other books, writings, and muniments now or late in the custody of or belonging to the late Commissioners for

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executing the declaration of 30 Nov. 1660, and the instructions thereupon dated 19 Feb. following, the late Commissioners for executing the Act of Settlement, and the late Commissioners for executing the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, or any of them, or any other former Commissioners or Courts of Claims [or] Qualifications, or others heretofore appointed for distributing lands, or for stating of arrears, adventures, or other public debts, Commissioners of Survey or discriminations, surveyors, or others whatsoever employed as commissioners, sub-commissioners, trustees, or otherwise in or concerning any of the Crown lands or hereditaments in Ireland, which by virtue of the said Acts of Settlement or Explanation, or the Acts concerning the Adventurers passed in England in 17 and 18 of Charles I., or any of them, or by the course of the laws in that kingdom have been forfeited to or vested in the late or present King, excepting only such of the premises as by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation are directed to be lodged elsewhere, and excepting also such other records as are lodged in the Records of the Courts of Chancery, Exchequer, King's Bench or Common Pleas, the said Surveyor-General or his deputies, however, to have power to take copies of any of the said records or any other records in any office in Ireland without fee, and also directing the delivery to the said Surveyor-General or his deputy of the three rooms in the new Custom House, Dublin, commonly called the Green Chamber, formerly in the possession of the trustees for the '49 officers, with the presses, books, and writings therein. [2½ pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 153.*]

Sept. 21. John Man to Williamson. A vessel arrived yesterday from Pad-
Swansea. stow reports that last week there were such violent storms on those coasts as have occasioned great losses. A Plymouth vessel lost, but the crew miraculously saved. A Cornish one lost with all hands, and several others lost and damaged considerably. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 25.*]

Sept. 21. Sir Charles Lyttelton to Lord [Arlington]. I received a letter last night from Sir Thomas Lynch, in which he desires me to excuse him to you because he was so very ill of the gout that he kept his bed. He is sending ships to Carthagenia about publishing the peace. The person he sends is a very discreet merchant, Major Beeston, to whom he has entrusted your lordship's adventure to buy an emerald. He will present you with some granadillo. The merchant sent me word by the last post that your lordship's sugar is not yet delivered. The giving away the week's pay by an order of Council to Sir Henry Felton and Sir Charles Gawdy makes the gathering it since stick so hard with the other deputy-lieutenants. [*Ibid. No. 26.*]

[Sept. ?] Petition of John Cassells to the King, for pardon for being seduced to aid in the robbing of Sir Henry Littleton's house, his father having lost a plentiful estate in Ireland for his loyalty, and he having served under his Majesty's ensigns till the Restoration. [*Ibid. No. 27.*]

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Warrant for a grant of general pardon to John Castells, *alias* Castles, for highway robbery, he being one of the persons named in the proclamation of 23 Dec. 1668. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 54.*]

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Notes by Williamson of information received from Blood and others. The Sugar Bakers' Brief—very popular—obliges the fanatics almost as much as meeting houses—many of them poor people—it costs the King nothing. Let it be his act to the Council. It's said the Quakers are known not to be much at the burnings of the city. Lord Sandwich said to be opposer of it. Ireland gives (?) by the Act of Cattle 40,000*l.* yearly more than before. Mr. Church offers to procure us constant and exact accounts out of Ireland. Lambert a dangerous man. Church.—If the Savoy business had taken effect, there had not been a fanatic in England. Congregations are now come to ride their teachers, and make them do what they will. If you will not preach to us, another shall. The people grow more fanatic; all the Presbyterians are growing to Independents, and so must the teachers. Pres[byterians] engaged (?) in a choice of younger preachers, that shall come out of the country to London (?), that shall lead them, &c. The K[ing] to allow them something. The City ministers are spoiled by eating, visiting, &c. The right ministry is to be affectionate and without notes. (A) Goodgroome mad, no fighter, a V.M. (Fifth Monarchy) preacher. Earl Anglesey (as is protested) went to blast Blood in the City. (1) In interest with the King. (2) In good intentions to the fanatics. The city look on the correspondence with France as Popish, to the destruction of the Protestant religion. The Scots will be firm against this conjunction. N.B.—To have the sight of the letters from Holland at the Post Office. Blood knows the key and the hands. What to be said by Blood to the City in relation to our affairs to Holland, France, &c. Lord Holles sent on purpose to B[lood]. (1) To be governor of a plantation. (2) Some benefit in general. Answer, that the King would provide for him. Met L[ord] A[shley] at a third place. Only general talk about the benefit. Agree by, as third benefit, some establishment for his own subsistence, and the furnishing to instruments.—In great straits—150 in gifts. An intimation of an understanding between L[ord] Ash[ley] and L[ord] Arl[ington]. The like hints at his first coming out, but on one or two good symptoms of that party's condition it blew off. Now he observes it's come on again, as if enemy (?) of Bucks. The ground lies thus: Arl[ington] and Ash[ley] agree in some things better than Arl[ington] and D., and better than Ashl[ey] and D.; so he would undertake on his life for truth on Ashl[ey]'s side. This now particularly pursued. Said to Bl[ood] on purpose to let it fall without art. Bl[ood] asks who puts temper on the ill impressions in the people for our conjuncture with Fr[ance] and Holland. Answered that Bucks first began this when he was in Fr[ance], but finding by the fanatics that it was disgusted, he was advised on all accounts to cross it rather, and to let another party drive it, which would be to their disadvantage, &c. Marvell (?), with Bl[ood], from Bucks. Ennys. Captain Rosse saw his. Ash[ley] comes

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to Ennys' his house and sits often. Ennys tries high, at 800*l.* *per annum*. Frequent desires (?) of Parliament. He mentions (?) this. . . . As to the Cross party, Jones, &c., no warrants for pardons yet. They say they shall have pardons without endeavours or appearing (?) More likely that they hope from this cloud as to the Dutch. They are gotten under the King's own wing, and have quitted him so as he cannot answer. Let them either come in as his have done, and take their pardons, or put them at a great distance, for they may be now caballing. Their stile is, "There are hopes still; they may be for the cause still." Jones, and Lockyer. A shrewd fellow, corresponds with the Dutch as he and Bl[ood] did. Has shuffled away Richard, while Bl[ood] was in hold. Talks of going aside, *i.e.*, they see a cloud rising in the Dutch business.

Mr. Jekell put Bl[ood] after L[ord] Ormonde's business to have killed the K[ing], at the H[ouse] of Lords with 300 men. Forgot to tell this to the K[ing], never came into his mind till the K[ing]'s absence. He had men ready then to do it. Would have taken B[ishop of] Worcester (?) and L[ord] Craven one night of a sudden. Fears a sudden blow on the King's person. Gladman hearty to Blood's way. Has great converse of old officers. Goes right in the business of the Dutch. He bought the . . . of the old . . . Has an universal interest. Stout and shrewd. Mason. Barrow. The first keeps a coffee house. Barrow will come in, and Lockyer the . . . minister. The Brief. The Sugar Bakers. Ashley and Colladon are partners in the Barbados trade, and that traffic of the Sugar Bakers is a particular disadvantage to Ashley and Colladon. Colladon and Keeling in this matter had a controversy at law. Ashley sends to Lord Mayor to take it up, which vexes the City. It's suspected fire was set in this sugar house; several skulkers about the house nights before; the windows broken open; a person ran away. In the capitulation (?) with Keeling, Colladon promised to press their petition. [*In a very minute hand, in parts illegible. The part from (A) is on a separate piece of paper, and perhaps is of a different date from the beginning, which is dated 21 Sept. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 28.*]

- Sept. 21. Pardon to George Robinson, for perjury in his answer to a bill of complaint exhibited by John Annand. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 119.*]
- Sept. 21. Grant to Robert Read, on surrender of John Barcroft, of the office of Serjeant-at-Arms. [*Ibid. No. 120.*]
- Sept. 21. Captain John Crabb to the Navy Commissioners. Desiring a warrant for himself and his servants to be entered on the *Royal James*. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 44.*]
- Sept. 21. The King to the Lord Lieutenant, or in his absence to the Lords Justices. Directing that the accounts of Lord Aungier, who is suspended from the execution of the offices of Vice-Treasurer and Treasurer-at-War, be stated, and the balance appearing due from him be paid over to the Commissioners of the Treasury. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 134.*]

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The same to the same. Directing that countenance, assistance, and protection be given to Viscount Ranelagh and his partners, who by the indenture of 4 August last have agreed concerning the whole revenue of Ireland. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 135.*]

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The same to the same. After reciting that, by the commission of 1 August to the Commissioners for affairs relating to the settlement of Ireland, a stop had been put to all grants of lands and hereditaments in Ireland till they reported, and that by letters under the Signet dated 27 August the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England had been directed to pass a grant to Thomas, Viscount Dillon, of the rents and arrears therein mentioned, notwithstanding the said commission, which grant, however, on representation of the said Commissioners, has been suspended for the present; directing that order be given to the Barons of the Exchequer, and all others whom it may concern, to suspend all proceedings against the said Viscount, his lands, goods, or chattels, concerning any of the matters intended to be released to him, till a report be made by the said Commissioners. [*Ibid. p. 136.*]

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Whitehall.

The same to the same. Directing that when the charter of the Corporation of Galway is renewed, John Shadwell, the Attorney-General of Connaught, who was elected Recorder by the said corporation in 1665, be named as Recorder at a reasonable salary. [*Ibid. p. 137.*]

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The same to the same. After reciting that the moneys raised by the year's value according to the Act of Explanation fell very far short of the 300,000*l.* sterling therein mentioned, and that to make up the said sum a general taxation and assessment of all the lands in Ireland, as directed in the said Act, had become necessary, the proceeds of which had been assigned for payment of the Crown debts there; directing that the sums so assessed should be paid by eight half-yearly assessments, the first to be made on 25 March next, and the last on 29 September 1675, but if default be made for 30 days in any half-yearly payment, then the balance of the said assessment shall be immediately levied and paid without further time being given. [*Nearly 2 pages. Ibid. p. 149.*]

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Whitehall.

Proclamation proroguing Parliament from 16 April next to 30 October 1672. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 29, and S.P. Dom., Proclamations, Vol. 3, p. 288.*]

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William Garrett to Williamson. Requesting his assistance in Mr. Edward Davenport's, M.B. of University College, Oxford, obtaining the degree of M.D., at the King's approaching visit to the University of Cambridge. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 30.*]

Sept. 22.
Whitehall.

The King to the Attorney-General. On 2 July 1667, we granted to Arthur, Earl of Anglesey, the office of Treasurer of the Navy, with salary of 100*l.*, and fee of 3*d.* in the pound, and other perquisites. On 2 November 1668, we suspended and discharged him from the said office, and appointed Sir T. Osborne and Sir T. Littleton. As we wish now to have only one person, but still not to end the Earl of

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Anglesey's suspension, we order a warrant for Sir T. Osborne to execute the office alone, with a salary of 2,000*l.* in lieu of fees, and also a grant to him of the office of Treasurer, and of the messuage at Deptford thereto pertaining, in reversion after the Earl of Anglesey. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 115.*]

Sept. 22. Order for the naturalization of the ships *Release* of Hull and *Charity*. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 41.*]

Sept. 22. Edward Gregory to the Navy Commissioners. I received your letter dispensing with your former order for putting some of the ships at the Buoy of the Nore into petty warrant, but directing me to go there as often as I can to visit and muster them. I desire to know whether your commands refer only to those I formerly received orders about, or to all now there, which Mr. Pett of Gravesend formerly mustered. I have already much other business, and having lost the boat appointed me during the late war, I cannot muster ships outside Sheerness with convenience or safety. If I am to do it I request some consideration for the consequent charge and hazard, and that a boat be appointed to transport me. Last Wednesday the Commissioner lent me the *Jemmy* to carry me to the Nore. On the way we were taken by so violent a storm that had I not been so well shipped, I must have been put to some extremity. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 45.*]

Sept. 22. Daniel Furzer to the same. About the embezzlement of the hawsers, of which he suspects Nod, a rigger, to be guilty, and giving the names of those who can throw most light on the matter. [*Ibid. No. 46.*]

Sept. 22. Sir William Wyndham to the same. Concerning the timber he has to dispose of, and suggesting Bridgwater as a convenient place for shipbuilding. [*Ibid. No. 47.*]

Sept. 23. Col. Sir Anthony Gylby to Williamson. Explaining that he had been prevented from coming to London about his unfortunate engagement with the receiver of the royal aid for Lincolnshire, by having broken his arm through a fall, and asking him, as he hears the Farmers of the Customs have been dismissed and Commissioners appointed, to remind Lord Arlington of him, should any be appointed for Hull and those northern parts. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 31.*]

Sept. 23. Sir Robert Southwell to Williamson. Pray tell my lord I will obey what he has advised the King about sending me to Flanders, but also tell him my condition, for being a year in Portugal without any supply, and raising near 2,000*l.* to prosecute the service, though in consequence thereof about 20,000*l.* of the Queen's portion has been received, I am still kept out of my disbursements. A tally I had on the customs of July last avails nothing. It is now above two years since I returned home. It is therefore impossible for me, who owe 700*l.*, borrowed to support me, to turn my back before getting my money. I cannot think his lordship will judge it fit to send me abroad with such discomfort. If any decent opportunities

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may avail me, I will never more advance money to give trouble to the Treasury for returning it. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 32.*]
- Sept. 23. R. Milward to Williamson. Enclosing certificate and Sir William Sanderson's deposition about Windsor. [*Ibid. No. 33.*] *Enclosed,*
- Sept. 7. *Sir William Sanderson's testimony that when he was granted the Paddock Walk at Windsor, he had been promised it by the King, but it was with the consent of the Earl of Holland, the Constable, which was desired after the King's promise, and that the said Earl's gift of two walks to Young and Dowcett was during the rebellion. [Ibid. No. 331.]*
- Sept. 23. Anthony Thorold to James Hicke. The *Fellowship*, arrived
Lyne. yesterday from Hamburg, reports that the Hamburgers are strengthening themselves and making new works on the side towards the Danish country, fearing an attack from him, his demands being such as they cannot comply with. The northerly winds have delayed several ships expected. [*Ibid. No. 34.*]
- [Sept. ?] Request by the Earl of Craven that he may have the same instructions as Col. Russell had when the King left him commander-in-chief [in London], with queries how officers are to be punished who do not obey orders; where any who deserve committal shall be sent to; and how to act in case of duels or challenges, as none of the commissioners for the Earl Marshalship are remaining in town. [*Ibid. No. 35.*]
- [Sept. ?] Similar paper of requests, written in the third person. [*Ibid. No. 36.*]
- Sept. 23. Commission to the Earl of Craven, similar to that to Col. Russell of 25 May, calendared *ante p. 271, mutatis mutandis.* [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35A, f. 28.*]
- Sept. 23. Discharge to Herbert Crofts, created a baronet, of $\text{£}1,095\text{l.}$ usually paid in respect of that dignity. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 123.*]
- [After
Sept. 23.] List of officers and gentlemen reformed out of his Majesty's three troops of Guards, &c. The total of their pay *per diem*, $13\text{l. } 10\text{s. } 10\text{d.}$, exceeds the establishment $17\text{s. } 6\text{d.}$ *per diem*, besides $141\text{l. } 15\text{s. } 2\text{d.}$ overpaid last year ending 23 September 1671. [5 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 37.*]
- Sept. 23. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Commissioners. Giving particulars
Woolwich. of the damage the previous evening to the *Ruby* by a collision with a collier, which he had allowed to proceed on her voyage on the master depositing 20l. , and undertaking to make good the damage, if it comes to more. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 48.*]
- Sept. 23. The King to Frederic William, Elector of Brandenburg. Letter
Whitehall. of commendation in favour of Lieutenant-Colonel Hugh Montgomery, now in the Elector's service, who had served the King and his father with distinction in the Civil War. [*Latin. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 272.*]

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Sept. 23. The King to the Treasury Commissioners in Scotland. Warrant
Whitehall. to pay to John, Earl of Atholl, the arrears of his pension of 200*l.* sterling *per annum*, granted 13 July 1670, of which he has hitherto received none, and to pay him the same punctually in future. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 274.*]

Sept. 23. The King to the Commissioners of the Treasury in Scotland.
Whitehall. Warrant to pay 600*l.* sterling to John Riddell of Haineing, master of the King's stud in Scotland, in pursuance of an agreement with him for the setting up and keeping a breed of horses there for the King's service. [*Ibid. p. 275.*]

Sept. 23. Sir G. Rawdon to Viscount Conway. Concerning the new build-
Lisburn. ings, &c., at Portmore, the death of the gardener, and other business matters, desiring to know who is to be his lordship's substitute at Charlemont, thanking him for his trouble about placing his sons at the University, whose mother is very inclinable it be at Cambridge where Dr. More is, and stating his troop and his lordship's had been mustered and received three months' pay. [2 pages. *Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 204.*]

Sept. 23. The Commissioners appointed on 1 August last to the Lord Lieu-
Whitehall. tenant. Signifying in accordance with that Commission, and by the King's particular directions, that, as no warrants or letters be prepared or offered for the King's signature for granting any lands, rents, or hereditaments in Ireland, or for the confirmation of any former proceedings concerning the same, so in case any such letters or warrants be obtained from him, all such warrants be immediately stopped and suspended and no further proceedings be made thereon till their report be made. [2 copies. *Ibid. Nos. 205, 206.*]

Sept. 23. The same Commissioners to Williamson. Warrant to deliver
Whitehall. to Sir James Shaen, their secretary, all books, papers, and writings relating to the settlement of Ireland now in his custody or that he can procure, particularly those of Grocers' Hall, and all others relating to the Adventurers. [*Copy. Ibid. No. 207.*]

[Sept. 23 ?] The King to Williamson. Authorising him to deliver to the said Commissioners, or to whom they shall appoint, the books and papers in his custody mentioned in the above warrant, to be redelivered as soon as the Commissioners shall have used them, or within one year at furthest. [*Draft. Ibid. No. 207A.*]

Sept. 23. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing a stop of issuing
Whitehall. any warrants for payments of money, other than what is upon the establishments of the civil and military lists, or undertaken to be paid by Viscount Ranelagh and his partners, until further pleasure. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 146.*]

Sept. 23. The same to the same. On the petition of Sir Daniel Bellingham,
Whitehall. directing a new trial on the same information, and that the former verdict be laid aside, and also that a further information against Edward Corker be prosecuted in the King's name for the moneys in question. [*Ibid. p. 147.*]

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Sept. 23. Whitehall. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. After reciting the letters of 15 August 1670, which directed a commission to be issued to the persons therein named for inquiring into the yearly values of all archbishoprics, bishoprics, and all other benefices and promotions spiritual in Ireland, according to the Acts in that behalf in the time of Henry VIII. and Elizabeth, and for assessing the yearly values thereof above the deductions to be made according to the said Acts, and for certifying the same, which values should be the only rule by which thenceforth all payments of first fruits and twentieths should be made, and that little or no progress had been made in the said commission, directing him for the better information of the said commissioners to cause such other commissions to be issued into the several dioceses as by the said commissioners shall be desired, and that the said commissions be returned to the said commissioners by 1 January next at furthest, and also to add to the said commission Sir Arthur Forbes and George Cooper. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 151.*]
- [Sept. ?] Petition of the Mayor and citizens of London to the King, for an approval under the great seal of the line of the quay or wharf between the Temple and London Bridge, prepared by them, as ordered by the Additional Act for rebuilding the city, and approved by his Majesty, and for a grant of such of the soil of the river as is needful for it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 38.*]
- Sept. 24. The King to the Attorney-General. Warrant to prepare a bill for his signature, approving of the annexed draft or model of the quay or wharf designed between the Temple and London Bridge, and granting to the Corporation of London the ground taken in from the Thames, to make the line uniform, except the part between Paul's Wharf and Baynard's Castle, which shall be granted to the Church of St. Paul, with a proviso that no building or erection whatever, except cranes, stairs, and docks, be placed within 40 feet northward from the river, but that the same shall remain a public and open wharf. [*Ibid. No. 39, and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 100.*]
- Docquet thereof, dated 30 October. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 138.*]
- [Sept. ?] Declaration of the King's approval of the water line of the Thames, between London Bridge and the Temple, presented to him by the Lord Mayor, &c., according to the late Act for rebuilding the City, and of his pleasure to pass a grant to the City of all the land that shall be taken in from the river to make the said line, which the Attorney-General is ordered to prepare. Endorsed, "The soil recovered out of the Thames given to the City." [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 40.*]
- [Sept. ?] Extract from a grant to the Lord Mayor, &c., of London, of all the ground that may be taken in from the Thames, to make the line between London Bridge and the Temple regular, except the portion between St. Paul's wharf and Baynard's Castle, which is granted to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's. [*Ibid. No. 41.*]

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- Sept. 24. Warrant to Sir John Robinson for the discharge of James (*sic*)
Whitehall. Modyford, a prisoner in the Tower. [*Copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II.*
293, No. 42.]
- Sept. 24. James Welsh to Williamson. In the last storm four vessels were
Rye. cast away at Dieppe, one from Wapping, one of Hull, one of
Margate, and one Scotch vessel carrying our soldiers. Another
Scotch ship with soldiers got into that harbour, and only lost her
mast. A Flemish vessel ran aground without anyone in it. It is
reported the storm blew down above 2,000 chimneys in Paris.
[*Ibid. No. 43.*]
- Sept. 24. Consul Sir M. Wescombe to Williamson. Beseeching him to have
London. him despatched with all necessary instruments to his consulship at
Cadiz, so that he may return in eight or ten days by the frigates
then to sail under Sir John Chitslye (Chicheley). [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *Ibid.*
No. 44.]
- Sept. 24. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Begging him to speak with the
Portsmouth. Commissioners for the Customs for his continuance as collector there.
[*Ibid. No. 45.*]
- [Sept. ?] Colonel Edward Salmon to the King. Petition stating that in
1661 he had been committed to the Tower on suspicion of a plot, and
had continued there and in Jersey and Guernsey ever since, and
praying that he may not now, after nine years' restraint, perish with
his family for want of bread by being enclosed in Castle Cornet, but
that he may be allowed his full liberty, or at least the liberty of the
island of Guernsey, as formerly. [*Ibid. No. 46.*]
- Sept. 24. The King to Lord Hatton. Directing him to allow to Colonel
Salmon the liberty of the island, taking care, however, of his safe
custody. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 78.*]
- Sept. 24. Minute thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 118.*]
- Sept. 24. Order for a warrant to pay to Edw. Rogers 2,000*l.* for secret
Whitehall. service, without account, to be registered and paid in course out of
the money arising from the sale of fee-farm rents. [*S.P. Dom.,*
Entry Book 26, f. 114.]
- Sept. 24. The King to the Duke of York. In order to encourage such
gentlemen as shall serve at sea in ships of war, that they may apply
themselves to sea affairs, empowering him to issue orders to the
Navy Commissioners, to allow to the commanders of men-of-war the
victuals of volunteers sent aboard the ships, and such money as
shall make up the value of the victuals to 20*l.* a year for each man,
whereby commanders may be better able to entertain volunteers
at their own tables. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 78.*]
- Sept. 24. Warrant for Robert, Earl of Sunderland's allowance as British
Ambassador to the Court of Spain. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34,*
f. 119.]
- Sept. 24. Warrant for an allowance of 40*s.* *per diem* and 200*l.* for equipage
to ——— Chidley (Chudleigh), secretary to the Extraordinary
Embassy to Spain. [*Ibid.*]

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Docquets of the last two warrants, dated 4 October. [*Docquets*, Vol. 25, No. 131.]

Sept. 24. Grant to Dr. Henry Compton of the deanery of Winchester, void by promotion of Dr. Clerke. Minute. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 35B, f. 16.]

Docquet of the said grant, dated 4 October. [*Docquets*, Vol. 25, No. 131.]

Sept. 24. Thomas Eastwood to the Navy Commissioners. Giving particulars
New Forest. of the trees felled there and transported to Portsmouth, and desiring money to pay the carters, who earn it apace, as the timber in the lower woods being all gone, they are forced to drive ten or twelve miles. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 300, No. 49.]

Sept. 24. The King to the Treasury Commissioners and the remanent
Whitehall. Lords of the Exchequer in Scotland. Warrant for admitting and receiving John, Earl of Atholl, as one of the Commissioners of the Exchequer there. [*S.P. Scotland*, *Warrant Book* 1, p. 276.]

Sept. 25. Charles Whittington. Several vessels were lately lost on this
Hull. coast. Last Friday in the Humber three colliers foundered at anchor, and all the men perished, and six more were driven ashore, of which only two are expected to be saved. Two large vessels richly laden with cloth sailed to-day for Hamburg. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 293, No. 47.]

Sept. 25. Dr. Henry Fowler to Williamson. Stating that Colonel Norwood
Gloucester. was to-day elected a councilman, as having served the office of sheriff, and that when he takes the oath of councilman he will be also put into a capacity as having served once as sheriff, and asking that the King should command by his letter that he might fine for his second shrievalty, and then he might be chosen Mayor for next year, the only way to heal all the distractions there. [*Ibid.* No. 48.]

Sept. 25. Thomas Holden to Williamson. Asking him, now that his
Falmouth. Majesty keeps the Customs in his own hands, to procure him a place in the Custom House there either as collector, surveyor, or land waiter. [*Ibid.* No. 49.]

Sept. 25. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. 'The *Victory*, *Dunkirk*,
Chatham and *Antelope* will be ready to launch in about a month. The last
Dock. must be sheathed and have a false keel, and the *Dunkirk* also ought to be, but we have no fir timber or board or elm for the purpose. If sheathing board were speedily sent down, both might be sheathed before launching, and expense of redocking them before going to sea saved. The head of the double dock being finished, fifteen of the pressed carpenters may be spared. Some repairs, that will not cost more than 20*l.*, are required for White the teamer's house. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 300, No. 50.]

Sept. 26. Sir John Robinson to Williamson, at his Majesty's Court in his
The Tower. progress. Enclosing Mr. Modyford's petition for Lord Arlington, and asking that Lord Arlington should move the King for his dis-

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charge, as otherwise he must be remanded to the Tower, being out only on verbal leave from the King. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 50.]

Sept. 26. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Sending list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. [*Ibid.* No. 51.] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid.* No. 51i.]

Sept. 26. Nicholas Wood to Williamson. Enclosing an account from the
Newcastle. 18th to the 23rd. [*Ibid.* No. 52.]

Sept. 26. John Strode to Williamson. Enclosing the privy seal for the
Whitehall. ship *James* of Belfast, and asking it to be signed and returned with all speed, as he detains a ship on purpose to carry it to Sir Charles Wheeler, and also, if possible, to get a letter from his Majesty to the Custom House for making her a free ship. [*Ibid.* No. 53.]

Sept. 26. Sir James Hayes to Williamson. By the Prince's commands, inquiring for the reference made last Sunday at the Council in the business of Windsor Forest, as no direction had been left about it. [*Ibid.* No. 54.]

Sept. 26. Peter Sambrooke to Viscount Conway. Being urgently pressed for money, desiring him to order Mr. Cratford to pay him at Michaelmas the 21*l.* 17*s.* 0*d.* due to him. [*Conway Papers.* *Ibid.* No. 55.]

Sept. 26. Warrant to pay to Sir Edw. Turner 4,000*l.* as a free gift. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 124.]

Sept. 26. Commission to Sir George Downing, Sir W. Thompson, Sir W. Lowther, William Garway, Francis Millington, and John Upton, appointing them Commissioners of the Customs, and Richard Sherwyn secretary, and Richard Prowse solicitor to the Commission. [*Ibid.* No. 125.]

Sept. 26. Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. Mr. Martin's ship loading of Irish knees and timber is now in the river. I suggest he should take out a lighter's loading, to allow it to be better viewed. I have sent to Mr. Russell, the purveyor, to go on board her this morning. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 51.]

Sept. 26. Captain Robert Stout to the same. Requesting to have his sea
The *Fountain*, victuals made up to six months', twenty days' being already ex-
Buoy of the pended, and asking for cooper's stores. [*Ibid.* No. 52.]
Nore.

Sept. 26. T. Nicolls to Williamson. Taking the opportunity of the
Jersey. bearer, Mr. Richardson's, going to Court to thank him for his good offices with Lord Arlington when he was last there, though the benefit intended him has miscarried, owing, as he thinks, to Sir George Downing's neglect to prefer to the Commissioners of the Treasury his petition and the reference, and on account of his age and infirmity, asking that the King would be pleased to confer on his son, now a B.A. and Fellow at Oxford, one of the many places bestowed on him by him and his father, from which he never reaped any benefit. [*S.P. Channel Islands* 9, No. 9.]

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Sept. 27. Dr. Christopher Wren. Certificate that his Majesty having ordered that the shop of John Okell, scrivener to the household, be removed for the convenience of the Ordnance Office, and be placed as he should appoint, appointing that his shop of 9½ feet in front and 4 feet 4 inches deep be placed in the corner between Philipps the barber's and the Banquetting House. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 56.]
- Sept. 27. Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. Three ships arrived to-day from Morlaix with linens and oakum, the usual lading from thence. They had on Monday and Tuesday fortnight so great storms there that many ships were lost, and such rain that the land floods tore down 14 windmills about the town. At St. Malo all the ships in harbour were driven ashore, with much damage to ships and goods. They were expecting some men-of-war and merchant ships from the Straits, but were not without fears for them. [*Ibid.* No. 57.]
- Sept. 27. Edward Gregory to the Navy Commissioners. Desiring to know whether the ships at Sheerness are to be continued in petty warrant, and also whether the *Greenwich*, which came yesterday to the Black Stakes, is to be put into petty warrant. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 53.]
- Sept. 27. William Magee to Viscount Conway. A business letter, about accounts, rents, payment of debts, &c. [*Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 208.]
- Sept. 28. Sir Peter Wyche to Williamson. Stating that Sir Thomas Clifford, thanks to Williamson's influence, has promised to change his order to his satisfaction, and having heard that the result of the Committee for Ireland will be a commission for that place, suggesting himself as a commissioner or secretary. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 58.]
- Sept. 28. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Sending a list of ships arrived. To-day the officers of the Customs took possession of the Custom House here. [*Ibid.* No. 59.]
- Sept. 28. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 60.]
- Sept. 28. Richard Watts to Williamson. Letters from Jamaica say that Sir Thomas Lynch and Sir Charles Wheeler between Barbadoes and Jamaica called at Dominica, which is inhabited by Indians. Their king is son of an Englishman. He came on board Sir Thomas Lynch, and discoursed in English. He seemed to be a noble person, and brought on board many pine-apples. At Martinico they took a caper which had done our small vessels very considerable damage. There is about 100*l.* worth of damage done to Margate pier. It is thought the Isle of Thanet has lost in these storms at least 3,000*l.* in shipping. [*Ibid.* No. 61.]
- Sept. 28. New contract between the King and Sir Thomas Littleton, Sir D. Gauden, Sir Denny Ashburnham, Josiah Child, and B. Gauden

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for victualling the Navy, to begin from 1 January next. [*Docquets*, Vol. 25, No. 126.]

Sept. 28. Captain Christopher Gunman to the Navy Commissioners.
The *Anne* Desiring a warrant for the provisions he may require during his
yacht, stay there. [*S.P. Dom.*, Car. II. 300, No. 54.]
Portsmouth.

Sept. 28. Sir D. Gauden and Co. to the same. Desiring that Sir T. Clutter-
buck's bill for 681*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* for victuals supplied at Leghorn be
Victualling accepted and placed to their account. [*Ibid.* No. 55.]
Office.

Sept. 28. The same to the same. Desiring a survey of the casks and iron
hoops returned to Deptford from the Straits fleet, which they
assert are in bad condition, without which they will not give the
pursers receipts for them. [*Ibid.* No. 56.]

Sept. 28. W. Fownes to the same. Enclosing an account of the wages
earned on each particular ship and vessel, repairs of storehouses,
dwelling-houses, docks, &c., at the yard at Deptford, for each of
the years 1669 and 1670, with a request that one of his instru-
ments might be borne on the books as a shipwright, almost all
officers in the yards being allowed that privilege. [*Ibid.* No. 57.]
Enclosed,

*The said accounts, showing the charge of the extraordinary in
each year amounted to 7,051*l.* 17*s.* 7*d.* and 9,157*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.*,
and of the ordinary to 1,454*l.* 15*s.* 1*d.* and 1,376*l.* 2*s.* 11*d.*
[*Ibid.* Nos. 57I, 57II.]*

Sept. 29. Dr. Thomas Vyner to Williamson. Suggesting that for the en-
London. couragement of the loyal party at Gloucester the King should write
to the University of Oxford to confer the degree of M.D. on
Henry Fowler, the late Mayor, who is already M.B. [*S.P. Dom.*,
Car. II. 293, No. 62.]

Sept. 29. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Shipping news. [*Ibid.* No. 63.]
Portsmouth.

[Sept. 29.] Contents of Wool exported from Ireland during the year ended
that day.

				Stones.	lbs.
Cork	-	-	-	47,151	3
Dublin	-	-	-	89,182	0
Drogheda	-	-	-	20,942	0
Dundalk	-	-	-	8,486	0
Dungarvan	-	-	-	8,193	1
Galway	-	-	-	12,892	0
Kinsale	-	-	-	2,985	0
Limerick	-	-	-	8,944	11
Ross	-	-	-	5,226	0
Sligo	-	-	-	530	0
Waterford	-	-	-	54,601	0
Wexford	-	-	-	2,707	0
Youghal	-	-	-	90,467	8

[*Two Copies.* *S.P. Ireland*, Car. II. 330, Nos. 209, 210.]

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Sept. 30. William, Duke of Newcastle, to Lord Arlington. Asking for a pardon for John Booth, his former steward in Northumberland, convicted at the last Newcastle assizes for clipping coin, and declaring his belief in his innocence, and that his conviction was the result of a conspiracy by some of his former fellow-servants, who had been dismissed in consequence of his detecting them in frauds and enormities. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 64.*] *Probably enclosed,*

Certificate of the Duke on Booth's behalf, sent to the judge at the trial, which he refused to look on. [Ibid. No. 641.]

Sept. 30. Sir Thomas Clifford to Williamson. Promising to do all he can
Whitehall. to help Sir Peter Wyche as desired. [*Ibid. No. 65.*]

Sept. 30. C. Cratford to Viscount Conway. Enclosing an account of the
Essex House. present estate of Dame Elizabeth Finch, deceased, and other accounts, and a bond to the executors, which he asks him to execute. [*Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 66.*]

Sept. 30. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I arrived
Portsmouth. late on Friday, the ways being bad, and Cobham Bridge part carried away with the land flood, and the river too deep to be passed through. The *Phoenix* is ready to sail, having all her beer on board, and about 50 men, besides 40 more on the *Reserve*, now at Spithead. I suggest that the *Phoenix* puts out before the *Reserve* comes in, otherwise many of these men will be gone. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 58.*]

Sept. Answer submitted to the Royal Society to three papers of Mr. Hobbes against Dr. Wallis, lately published in the months of August and this present September 1671. Refuting various propositions concerning infinites, squaring the circle, and the root of a square. [*Printed paper. 2 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 67.*]

[Sept. ?] Monsieur Petit to Lord [Arlington]. Several merchants have promised me to sign a request to the King for the establishment of an Agent of Commerce, which I have proposed, and to wait on his Majesty and the Council on their return to represent the services I have rendered them and the advantage of keeping a man who has known for so long their affairs and papers. An English friend, seeing the change in the officers of the Customs, has proposed to me that if he could be recommended to the office of Surveyor at London, or another English town, he would pay me a good pension. If my lord approves, this would be an entertainment for me till he can do something for me, this being the 23rd month of my disgrace. [*French. Ibid. No. 68.*]

[Sept. ?] Lieut.-Colonel Thomas Duncan to Lord Arlington. Petition, as he desires to go to the North Country to see his many poor motherless

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children, he being near 80 years of age, asking his Majesty's signature to the annexed pass, as he fears to be arrested for debt. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 69.] *Annexed,*

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Pass for Duncan to go to Hull, and thence to Edinburgh, and to any other place in England or Scotland. [On Parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II., Case C.]

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Daniel and Margaret Whitbie to Viscount Conway. Apologising for not having appeared at Ragley, none having ever sent them word of how it went with the good lady, the Viscount's mother, till she was dead. Your sister many years ago, before her marriage, had from Peg Thurgood a carcanet of diamonds, a legacy from her grandmother Gill, and at last took it to Ireland, promising to give her 20*l.* for it, which has never been paid, though often promised. Peg is lately married, my wife is censured or suspected of having given away the legacy, which Peg despairs of. We dare not write to Ireland, lest Sir George should know of it and be angry with his lady, and therefore desire your advice and help to find a way of privacy to let your sister know of it. [Conway Papers. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 70.]

[Sept. ?]

Anthony Thorold to ———. Petition stating that he had hazarded his life at the garrison of Newark, and lost his whole estate, being in the hands of Sir Robert Thorold, his uncle, and so was made incapable of following his trade as a merchant in London; that he was sent, on the King's return, to Lyme by Sir Nicholas Crispe and the other Commissioners, where he has lived ever since as land waiter, surveyor, and part of the time collector, and that he is now dismissed from his employment, and praying to be employed again in the same office and port. [*Ibid.* No. 71.]

[Sept. ?]

The relations of Mr. Collingwood to [Lord Arlington]. That the office of registrar to the Dean and Chapter of Durham falling vacant by death of Thomas Bullock, Robert Collingwood, who is a fit person, and disbursed much in the late King's service, was recommended thereto by his Majesty's letters, and was accepted in a full chapter. As he was a stranger to the business, he was advised to procure a deputy, and he chose one who was unanimously approved. He also paid the duty charged on the office by Act of Parliament, as Hedley, who has received the profits since the registrar's death, refused to pay it. After all this, the Dean, by private misinformation, procured a revocation of the King's letter for Collingwood, pretending a desire that the office should be better served, but this is not done, as the same deputy still officiates. We, his relations, beg that you will either confirm Collingwood in his place, or give him a hearing at the Council board as to his title. [1½ page. *Ibid.* No. 72.]

[Sept. ?]

Sir Heneage Finch to Viscount Conway. I have been so accustomed to receive from you great and generous obligations that I was not surprised when I found by my brother's letter that you were

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ready with all frankness and alacrity to embark in an affair of so much importance to me and my family. I can only say, in return, that there is no one living to whom I am more willingly bound, and that I had much rather receive a favour from your hands than owe it to any other mediation. I hope the matter itself will bear a month's deliberation, some things being necessary to be cleared before we can well justify our proceedings to ourselves, and our misfortunes must be very critical, if so small a respite makes us come too late. Last Wednesday I met Sir Thomas Osborne in the Gallery at Whitehall, to whom I am much bound for his kind mention of my brother, and undertaking to excuse his non-attendance on the Duke of B[uckingham]. We spoke, among other things, of the removal of the Farmers of the Customs, and placing them in the hands of new Commissioners (see *ante*, p. 505), and whilst we were conjecturing who should be the men, he heartily wished my brother one of them, which, though only a wish, made, as it ought, a very great impression on me. I saluted him at last as Treasurer of the Navy, according to the new model, which has taken away all fees and reduced it to a salary of 2,000*l. per annum*, relying upon common report (see *ante*, p. 498). But he would not own it, and I perceived afterwards he had no reason to do it, being present at a debate where it was difficult to resolve on the person, yet I had then an opportunity of whispering to Lord Ashley something in his favour, and I am persuaded that if his obtaining that place did not look more like a victory than a reward, his hopes were very fair. But everyone that has friends must be content sometimes to fare the worst for them. If you had not buried yourself in the country, where any news is welcome, I should be ashamed to entertain you with such trifles, but of all employments that of a gazetteer *à la main* is absolutely the worst; therefore I hope you will deliver me from the temptation of taking up this trade by removing to London, where the winter air is much softer and gentler for my sister's constitution than the country can be, and change of air, though for the worse, often has a good effect on long diseases. My wife will not suffer her respects to be forgotten, and my daughter Grimston presents her duty to her aunt and yourself. [*1½ page. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 72A.*]

Sept. Creation of a new office of General Survey and inspection of the customs, and subsidies of tonnage and poundage, and duties on imports and exports, with a grant of the office to Giles Dunstar, John Man, and George Blake, with a yearly salary of 1,000 marks each. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 129.*]

Sept. Creation of a head office of General Receipt, into which shall be paid from time to time the money collected from the customs, &c., with a grant of the same office to Rich. Mounteney, with a yearly salary of 1,000*l.* [*Ibid. No. 130.*]

Sept. List of nine merchant ships, giving their dimensions, masters' names, &c., in order to choose two for the West Indies. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 59.*]

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Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson, of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the wind, &c.

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73	Sept. 1	1	17	1	S.E.	
74	" 7	1	34	0	N.W.	
75	" 9	—	—	—	S.W.	All those in the last two lists are here still, and one more outward bound come in.
76	" 10	—	—	—	N.	This morning the wind became fair, and all the ships are sailed or preparing to sail.
77	" 12	1	2	0	N.W.	There are more in the Downs, but there is such a storm that we do not know what they are.
78	" 13	1	2	0	N.W.	The storm continues, but the ships ride fast except one Hollander that struck the sand, but got off with the loss of his mainmast.
79	" 14	1	6	0	N.N.W.	
80	" 15	1	9	0	N.W.	Some of the ships that sailed on Sunday are coming back again.
81	" 17	1	20	2	N.W.	
82	" 23	1	7	2	N.	
83	" 24	1	9	0	S.	Weather stormy.

Oct. 1. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Enclosing a list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. We have had very tempestuous storms most of the last month.
[*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 84.]

Oct. 1. Edmond Bowyer to Williamson. Recommending the bearer, whom
Camberwell. the Archbishop of Canterbury has lately presented to St. Mary Aldermary, and who desires that he would, at the King's being at the University, procure for him the degree of B.D., being an M.A. of eight years' standing. [*Ibid.* No. 85.]

Oct. 1. Sir Robert Vyner to Lord Arlington. Praying his favour for his
brother-in-law, Richard Emarton, who was returned as one of the six for sheriff of Hertfordshire, but was not one of the three, as Sir John Read's getting off puts him in fear again. [*Ibid.* No. 86.]

Oct. 1. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. No news. [*Ibid.* No. 87.]
Portsmouth.

Oct. 1. N. Boullay to Viscount Conway. Complaining that at the receipt
Ballenderry. of their last pay, ten days ago, Mr. Mildmay refused, by order of Lord Conway's lieutenant, the allowance his lordship had been pleased to grant him, and supposing that some one had been slandering him to his lordship. [*French. Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 211.]

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Oct. 2. Robert Wright to Williamson, at Trinity College. Stating that
The Chapel at Raynham. he had desired Mr. Worts, the junior bedell, to remind him of
creating Richard Clamp of Lynn M.D. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 88.*]

Oct. 3. Sir Thomas Clifford to Williamson. Enclosing a note from Sir
Whitehall. Thomas Bond, stating the sum to be paid by warrant to Sir Robert
Long upon the Queen Mother's rents for the Duchess of Cleveland,
was 1,700*l.* with fees and interest, and was to be paid to himself.
[*Ibid. No. 89.*] *Enclosed,*

*The said note, stating that the sum was 1,700*l.*, to which must
be added 42*l.* for fees, and the warrant must order interest
till payment, and the warrant must be to himself for jewels
sold. [*Ibid. No. 89*l.**]*

[Oct. ?] Warrant to the Commissioners and trustees of the revenue late
in jointure to the Queen Mother, to give warrant to Sir Robert Long
to pay out of the said revenue to Sir Thomas Bond 1,742*l.*, in
discharge of the like sum due to him for jewels bought of him for
the King's service, with interest till payment at six per cent.
[*Draft. Ibid. No. 90.*]

Oct. 3. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. Signifying
Portsmouth. the great want there of the plank from the Forest of Dean, as the
weather prevents the *Hope* going there to fetch it, and proposing
that a ship be hired at Bristol to bring part of it. [*S.P. Dom.,
Car. II. 300, No. 60.*]

Oct. 3. Matthew Wren to the Navy Commissioners. Desiring to know
Newmarket. whether the ships had been taken up for the voyage to the West
Indies, the service for which they are wanted being so pressing that
much longer delay will make the voyage useless; enclosing blank
commissions for Captain Narbrough and Captain Perry, who are to
have them; desiring that particulars of the two ships selected be
sent; inquiring whether one of the fireships in the Medway might
be conveniently fitted for a voyage to the West Indies; and desiring
them to signify in what readiness they are for laying up and paying
off any ships. [*Ibid. No. 61.*]

Oct. 3. Jonas Shish to the same. No bolts can be got for the ships now
in dry dock, which are waiting for them, the smith saying his iron
and credit are gone, and that he can do no more without money.
[*Ibid. No. 62.*]

Oct. 3. Dr. Lancelot Bolton to Viscount Conway. I waited to-day on the
Dublin. Lord Lieutenant, who was civil, and to-morrow I receive his orders
to remove W. Hill. I shall then hasten to the North to give you a
further account concerning the troop and various members of it. I
dined yesterday at Sir Arthur Forbes' and Sir Ellis', and sent him to
the Castle so drunk as ever was man. He almost foxed himself at
dinner, and we drank nothing, so that afterwards three full healths
fixed him. To-day the Lord Lieutenant and Lord Chancellor were
very pleasant on him. If you please, let him have some guineas, for
he told me he would never refuse any, and thanked God he could

1671. not brag of any other humour in his life. Lady Clanbrassil lodges in Lady Berkeley's chamber, and is in great favour. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ page. *Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 212.*]
- Oct. 3. Nicholas Darcy to Williamson. Asking to have his Majesty's
London. letter remitting the quit rent. [*Ibid. No. 213.*]
- Oct. 3. Testimonial by the Provost and Senior Fellows of Trinity College, Dublin, to the learning and good character of William Lloyd, and that he had taken the degree of B.A. on 23 February 1670[-1]. [*On Parchment. Ibid. No. 214.*]
- [Oct. ?] The King to the Provost of Trinity College. Directing him to admit William Lloyd to one of the junior fellowships now vacant. [*Draft. Ibid. No. 215.*]
- Oct. 3. Sir G. Rawdon to Viscount Conway. Mostly concerning various
Lisburn. matters of business and family news. The night after the fair, John Ayrs, of your troop, returning to Portmore, wounded a poor man on the highway without any offence given, and the hue and cry followed him and took him. The man is not yet dead, but no hope of his recoevry. There has been a most violent storm of wind and rain, and this river is very high, which has hindered the work at Portmore. [2 pages. *Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 216.*]
- Oct. 4. Thomas Holden to Williamson. Shipping news. [*S.P. Dom., Falmouth. Car. II. 293, No. 91.*]
- Oct. 4. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Identical with the last. [*Ibid. Falmouth. No. 92.*]
- Oct. 4. Dr. Henry Fowler to Williamson. Having heard from the Dean
Gloucester. of Gloucester of his discourse with him concerning the procuring for him of the degree of M.D., requesting him to use his best interest to obtain the royal mandate for the same, and expressing his thanks for his favours and civilities. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *Ibid. No. 93.*]
- Oct. 5. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. The
Portsmouth. *Phoenix* sailed this morning, so she can take her men out of the *Reserve* to-day, and the latter come in to-morrow. The *Constant Warwick* came to Spithead on Monday. She wants a stream anchor and cable, in exchange for those left at Tangier by order, and also a capstan and a boat. In reply to their question, giving the method of measuring masts. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 63.*]
- Oct. 5. Captain Thomas Willshaw to the same. The *Dreadnought*, the
The *Francis* *Rupert*, and the two fireships sailed from the Buoy of the Nore
fireship, in the for the Downs this morning. I desire my boatswain may be secured
Downs. at Deptford, where he lives, for embezzling the stores. I have secured the cook who saw the things go out of the ship, and desire that Sir John Chicheley may have orders what to do with him. [*Ibid. No. 64.*]
- Oct. 5. Jonas Shish to the same. Giving, as the result of his survey of the *Katherine* yacht, what repairs she requires, and suggesting her being hauled up on the slip where she was built. [*Ibid. No. 65.*]

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Oct. 5. Captain Edward Pearce to the same. Requesting that the conduct money of several of his men who came from London be paid, and stating that he had been ready to sail since the 30th, but had been prevented by the weather. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 66.]

Portsmouth (sic,
endorsed Ems-
worth) sloop in
Portsmouth
Harbour.

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[The Navy Commissioners] to [Matthew Wren]. We had agreed on two ships for the West Indies, but when Captain Narbrough viewed them, he thought them unfit on account of their draught of water, which should not exceed fourteen or fifteen feet. We have therefore discharged them, and are trying to hire others, but find none willing, except those whose ships are defective. We therefore suggest the *Sweepstakes* be appointed for one. The fireships at Chatham are not, in our opinion, fit for the voyage; but the *Francis*, now going for the Straits, would be, if another were provided in her place. Sir Thomas Littleton daily expecting to resign, and Sir Thomas Osborne not being yet prepared to enter on his office, causes such a stop to procuring money that there is no prospect yet of any for payment of ships. It would be both a service to his Majesty and an accommodation to merchants who have plate on board, if the *Constant Warwick*, now arrived at Portsmouth, came to Woolwich. [With more in shorthand. Rough draft. Ibid. No. 67.]

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List furnished by Mr. French of the tickets to be paid on the *Dreadnought*, *Rupert*, *Fountain*, and *Francis*, amounting to 2,998*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.* [Ibid. No. 68.]

Oct. 6.

Sir John Robinson to Sir Thomas Allin. The owners of the *Constantinople* are unwilling to trust to their payment, some of them having been sore bitten, and think the advance money too little. I suggest that she might be bought cheap. I must wait to-morrow on the Lord Keeper, twelve miles from London. [Ibid. No. 69.]

Oct. 7.
Newmarket.

Samuel Pepys to the Navy Commissioners. The illness of the ways and height of the waters made it Sunday morning before I could reach Norwich, whence the Court being gone to Lord Townshend's, and some indisposition since of the Duke's (which is now well over) hindering, I could not get opportunity of having the King and Duke together till Thursday, in order to my receiving their directions upon the errand I went on. This night or to-morrow I hope to have their last orders, so as to set out towards London on Monday. In the meantime be pleased to order the despatching away of the enclosed with all speed by an express to the commander of the *Francis* fireship. The Duke approves of your advice of the *Constant Warwick's* coming to Woolwich, and therefore would have orders forthwith sent for her being fitted for coming about. [Ibid. No. 70.]

Oct. 7.
The Kitchen
yacht,
Gothenburg.

William Wright to the same. Announcing their arrival on the 28th there, where they were waiting Major Andros' return from Stockholm. [Ibid. No. 71.]

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Jonas Shish to the same. The *Guernsey*, the *Sweepstakes*, and the hulk will be ready on Tuesday to launch out of the dry dock, and

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therefore an order is desired to the master attendant to get the *Dartmouth* ready for docking. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 72.]

Oct. 8.
Lambeth.

Gilbert Sheldon, Archbishop of Canterbury, to Williamson. Desiring him to speak to Lord Arlington in his name, to obtain a King's letter for Dr. Cradock for the next fellowship at Eton. He writes by another hand, being in some indisposition in his bed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 94.]

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Dr. Fell to Sir Leoline Jenkyns. After parting rudely from my friends in Worcestershire, and breaking through the dissuasives of bad weather and worse ways, it was a severe disappointment not to meet you here. Soon after my return Mr. Wilkins died, and last Friday Mr. Bold, according to the King's letter, was transferred to his place, but our young gentlemen take it very much amiss that they should be told of their fault in the last election, and seem preparing to repeat it next Tuesday, when the Vice-Chancellor designs to have a congregation for the choice of an Architypographer, but I hope the major part will take up soberer counsels. Our business concerning the grant from the University was this week proposed to the Delegates of Printing and the heads of houses, and passed by both, whereon our draft was engrossed and intended to be sealed at the last convocation when the Divinity Bedell was chosen; but the Provost of Queen's, who consented at the former meetings, told the Vice-Chancellor that we were going about a business very detrimental to the public, it being a scandalous thing that they should let out their rooms, and it was an unreasonable bargain that we should have their privilege, room, and furniture for 200*l.* *per annum*, when the Stationers paid that for the mere privilege. The Vice-Chancellor referred him to the Principal and myself, who made the obvious answers to his objections, and told him that we conceived it was a service to the University to put ourselves on a certainty of great trouble and expense to bring the trade of printing hither for their honour and advantage, and whereas by Statute they were to allow the greatest part of the revenue they received to printing, not to expect anything from them, but to pay them 200*l.*, and that we were not fond of the employment, and as we had before offered him and others the option of joining us, so we could very willingly desist. Thus it stands, so difficult a thing it is to be permitted to do men a kindness in this world. Mr. Principal will give you a fuller account next week in London. I heartily thank you for your schoolmaster of Abergavenny. *Postscript.*—We are told the Bishop of Carlisle is dead; if the Provost succeeded him all these objections would be easily answered. The person set up by the angry gentlemen has been with me, and I think is so satisfied of his true interest that he will desist. [2½ pages. *Ibid.* No. 95.]

Oct. 8.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Phoenix* is at Spithead; the *Reserve* came into port thence on Friday to be laid up. [*Ibid.* No. 96.]

Oct. 8.
Essex House.

C. Cratford to Viscount Conway. On business matters. [*Conway Papers.* *Ibid.* No. 97.]

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Oct. 8. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. The *Reserve* came in on Friday, and lies here as a guardship, two-thirds of her company being enjoined to be constantly on board. About twenty of her men are willing to sail in the *Phœnix*, if they have tickets here, to be paid in the Downs. The hoy, with provisions much wanted, arrived yesterday, and will speedily sail for the Severn to bring the plank, which is already much wanted here. I hope Mr. Baylie will hasten the first vessel. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 73.]

Oct. 8. Spithead. Captain John Waterworth to the same. The *Constant Warwick*, under my command, arrived here last Monday, having been ordered by Sir Edward Spragg to go to the Thames; but having no boat to weigh an anchor, or capstan, and my foretopsail yard being broken, and my mainmast very bad, and the wind veering southerly off the Needles, I put in here, not believing that my pilot would take the ship over the flats in her present condition. I sent my lieutenant, on arrival, to Mr. Wren, but now, hearing that he is out of town, I desire your commands, whether I shall proceed according to the Admiral's order, or stay here. In the former case I must take in provisions and other things. [*Ibid.* No. 74.]

Oct. 8. Appointment by the surgeons of several men-of-war of Richard Reynell, clerk of the Barber-Surgeons' Company, as their agent to receive the money due to them for their necessary charges and for the carriage of their chests to several ports. [*Signed by thirteen surgeons at various dates between 10 April and 8 October. Ibid.* No. 75.]

Oct. 9. Lyme. Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. The *Samuel*, arrived on the 4th in four days from Belle Isle, found there four French men-of-war, viz., the *King*, *Queen*, and two others, all snug, but stately, well-built ships; the *King* and *Queen* very richly painted, carved, and gilt with their arms, the crown also not excepted out of the sails of their boats. The *King* carries 127 guns and 1,250 men, the *Queen* 96 guns and 950 men, the others, one 70, the other 50 guns, having been cruising with the new ships on trial, as a guard or attendance on them. Great damage to shipping by the late storms about Croisic, Bordeaux, Nantes, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 98.]

Oct. 9. Oxned. Sir Robert Paston to Williamson. Stating that he is on the brink of those necessities that no man of the nation of his quality or fortune is, the King's intentions of favour in his farm being anticipated four or five years, his own revenue seized for a mortgage of 10,000*l.*, and himself hated and oppressed on every side; and suggesting that the King should purchase his Yarmouth lands, with which he might gratify somebody else, and desiring Williamson's advice and instructions how to proceed. [2½ pages. *Ibid.* No. 99.]

Oct. 9. Falmouth. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Last Friday there was such a violent storm that several vessels were driven ashore in this harbour. Shipping news. [*Ibid.* No. 100.]

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Oct. 9.
Yarmouth.

Richard Bower to Williamson. Regretting that Lord Arlington and he had not come to Yarmouth, and describing his preparations for their reception. His Majesty was observed to feed heartily on our sea-made herrings. For a taste I have sent you a little box by post with 21 sea-made and 8 fishhouse herrings. If they are liked, let me have more of your custom. All parties and factions were unanimous as to the King's reception, striving to outvie one the other, some out of their true loyal affection, others that they might seem so to be. The former Lord Townshend was pleased to affront several times, as is supposed to put discouragements upon them, to advance his party here, having procured two of them to be knighted, James Johnson and George England. He pushed and miscalled Sir Thomas Medowes in the King's presence, which he put up [with]. It is said the reason was that some of his party informed him that Sir Thomas intended to deliver a petition about Captain Clarke's business, which his lordship has an order to examine, but for certain no such thing was intended. It was the fear of the guilty parties that possessed his lordship with that story. Our ministers here intended to have kissed his Majesty's hand, but were obstructed by his lordship. None here is in favour with his lordship but what are of the old stamp of the late times. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 101.]

Oct. 9.
Bushy.

Silas Titus to Williamson. Asking his assistance on behalf of the late Edmond Roydon's family. The King, in consideration of his fidelity and sufferings, bestowed on him the keeping of the stables at St. Albans, and on his death, leaving a most distressed family, Titus begged the post for his son, which the King granted, but there was no time to pass the grant before he left town. The town of St. Albans now intends to petition for the stables, in order to make money thereby for the maintenance of their minister. Mr. Rogers, the bearer, will give information of all the circumstances. [*Ibid.* No. 102.]

Oct. 9.
Newmarket.

The King to the Marquess of Worcester. Informing him of the disorder at Gloucester, and that the late Mayor had been ordered to retain the government of the city till the whole matter be determined in Council, and desiring him to keep an eye on the matter and take care to prevent further disorders. [*S.P. Dom. Entry Book* 31, f. 83.]

Oct. 9.
Newmarket.

The King to Dr. Henry Fowler. Signifying his will and pleasure that the government of Gloucester continue in him as Mayor till the matter of the pretended election there be heard and determined in Council on his Majesty's return, and desiring him to inform the Common Council and to make public notification thereof. [*Ibid.* f. 84.]

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Drafts or copies of the last two letters. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, Nos. 103, 104.]

Oct. 9.
Hull.

Charles Whittington to Williamson. The late storms have destroyed on this coast at least 65 ships, small and great, averaging 70 tons burden. Among them are three or four Scotch, four laden

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with piece goods for this place, all the rest colliers. Last week sailed three richly laden for Holland, and two for Virginia, with about 60 servants. Four are arrived from Holland and two from France, the last wholly laden with prunes. A vessel is come for lampernes, which we hope this year will prove a commodity in these parts. The great exportation this year of all commodities, and the hope of its continuance, give great encouragement to all ingenious, active, stirring persons. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 105.*]

Oct. 9.
Windsor.

Dr. G. Hascard to Williamson. As Mr. Mountague is made Fellow of Eton, and Dr. Thriscross is despaired of living above two or three days, and his friends have therefore been urgent with him to procure the King's letters to the college, proposing it to him and leaving it to his prudence. [*Ibid. No. 106.*]

Oct. 9.
Chatham
Dock.

Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. In obedience to your order of 30 September, I enclose estimates of the charge of the works to be performed, and demands for the provisions wanting, besides what are in store. As to your desire that bills be made out and sent up for all work done up to the aforesaid day, neither the carver's nor the painter's work is yet finished on the *Prince Royal*, and therefore I beg your further directions, and if bills are to be made out for what is already done, I ask that some other person be joined with me in the survey, there being no precedent for rating the carver's work, though there is for the painter's. As to your order that no provisions be received without a regular demand expressing the particular use for which each is demanded, this causes a great difficulty about the daily issues of iron work from the forge, on account of the great number of workmen and the many works in hand, and I therefore desire your further pleasure. The ships now in dock must be launched the next spring tides, whether there is sheathing board or not for the *Dunkirk* and *Antelope*, as demanded in my last of 30 September. I do not yet know what ships are to be docked next, though I and my assistant gave our opinion to Commissioner Cox on 7 September that the *Lyon* and *Henrietta* were fittest for the double, and the hulk for the single dock. Being since informed that the *Rainbow* is chosen as a guardship for this harbour, which has some pieces of lead nailed under water over holes cut, when she was sunk on the coming up of the Dutch, I informed Commissioner Cox of the necessity of her coming into dock for one tide, before the hulk, to have the lead pulled off and the holes stopped with plank, and that we could launch the *Victory* this spring, there being very little to do to her. But he instead gave his warrant for hauling her ashore on the other side of the water, where never any ship lay. She was twice laid last week, with workmen both times to attend her, putting the King to an unnecessary charge, and the second time laid where the water fell from her so much, and the bank was so steep, that she almost fell over at low water, and the work is not yet done. Being informed that the Commissioner intends to have her brought ashore on the ways, not knowing what harm she may have taken when she fell over, my opinion is that it will not be

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safe for her to be brought anywhere on the ground but in the dock, where she may be well secured with shores, being a very old ship, and I judge that it will be very necessary for her security that the gates were shut on her for a neap's time, that she might be firmly caulked, her galleries, which are very rotten, taken off, and those holes planked up, with some other small repairs, which I submit for your consideration. I have not yet received my warrant from the Commissioner for doing any work on these guardships, nor for discharging the house carpenters, who, I acquainted you in my last, might be spared. [4 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 76.] *Enclosed,*

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*Account of the charge of the works yet to be performed on the ships in harbour, and on those that want only graving and some small finishing work, of the ordinary repairs on ships afloat for the winter, of repairs of harbour boats, lighters, &c., and of house carpenters' works, &c., amounting to 61,550*l.* [Two copies, the second dated 13 October, and differing from the first only by including a charge of 300*l.* for repairing the hulk. Ibid. Nos. 76I, 76II.]*

Oct. 9.
Chatham.

Commissioner John Cox to the same. Mr. Owen, clerk of the ropeyard, informed me there is only one barrel of tar in store, and for want of tallow he cannot proceed in laying strands. Two sorts of tallow are to be had here for ready money at 38*l.* and 30*l.* per ton. I shall get samples of both. No bricks are in store. Leaden scuppers are much wanted. I ordered the *Rainbow* to be brought alongside the hulk to get in her guns, but as she had some holes cut in her when the Dutch were here, she needs a tide or two in dock when the *Victory* is launched. I ordered her to be laid ashore to save the charge of docking, but the holes were cut so low that they could not come by them to stop them all. I dare not advise laying her ashore on the ways being a very ancient ship. Some small matters want to be done to the three guardships for the accommodation of the captains and the lodging of the men. All the pressed carpenters, 23 in number, may be discharged, the 21 remaining in the service being all that can be employed this winter. [1½ page. *Ibid.* No. 77.]

Oct. 9.
Chatham
Ropeyard.

John Owen to the same. Informing them of the want of tar. [*Ibid.* No. 78.]

Oct. 9.
Bristol.

Francis Baylie to the same. Informing them that he has taken up a ketch of Berkhelместon (Brighton), which will be ready to take in the plank in six days, and that he can procure another for the rest of the plank, and so save sending one for it. [*Ibid.* No. 79.]

Oct. 9.

Sir John Chicheley to Lord Brounker. Desiring to have the yawl of Mr. Peeps' (Pepys') brother[-in-law, B. St. Michel], in exchange for his own. [*Ibid.* No. 80.]

Oct. 10.
Falmouth.

Thomas Holden to Williamson. (To the same purport as his last to Hickes, with some additional shipping news.) [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 107.]

Oct. 10.
Whitehall.

Dr. Thomas Tullie to Williamson. Having received a summons from his brother chaplains to attend in Newmarket that day week,

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requesting him to secure him from that voyage, as his fortnight will be out after next Sunday. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 108.*]

Oct 10.
Newmarket.

The King to the Provost and Fellows of Eton. Directing them to admit Dr. Zachary Cradock, one of his chaplains, to the first vacant fellowship in the college. [*Sign Manual. Seal. Ibid. No. 109, and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 79.*]

Draft thereof, slightly differing. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 110.*]

Oct. 10.

Warrant to pay to Lord St. John and others, Farmers of the Customs, 177,400*l.* by payments of 10,000*l.* a month out of the Customs revenue, with interest at 6 per cent., being part of 207,400*l.* advanced by them to the King, 30,000*l.* whereof is otherwise secured to Sir John Bennet, with a cancel of the privy seal of 30 September last, securing 226,000*l.* to the parties aforesaid. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 133.*]

Oct. 10.

Congé d'élire to the Dean and Chapter of Bristol, empowering them to elect a bishop to that see, the same being void by the death of Dr. Ironside. [*Ibid. No. 134.*]

Oct. 10.
Newmarket.

James, Duke of York, to the Navy Commissioners. Sir John Baptist Duteil being now ready to depart to Genoa and Leghorn in order to equip the two galleys the King has had built there, desiring them to give him credit on Sir Thomas Clutterbuck at Leghorn, and some merchants at Genoa, for the sums they may think necessary for carrying on that service, and also to give orders to Sir Thomas and the merchants respectively to supervise such equipment and furnishing, and to supply Duteil from time to time with the moneys they shall find requisite, and to take care that moneys be provided on the assignments for the galleys for answering any bills drawn upon them. [*Two copies and a French translation. A third copy is addressed to Williamson as Secretary of the Privy Council, and is therefore later than January 1671-2. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, Nos. 81, 82, 83, 84.*]

Oct. 10.

John Hall, carpenter of the *Monmouth* yacht, to the same. The captain being unable to attend from illness, has sent him to learn their pleasure about her. [*Ibid. No. 85.*]

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Sir Jeremy Smyth to the same. Giving the results of the survey of the casks from Deptford returned from the Straits, which the Board had directed. Noted that the Board decided to leave to Sir Jeremy to examine which are the King's and which the victualler's, to sell the former for the best price he can get, and to leave the latter to the victualler, and let him, if he can, give reason for satisfaction from the King for the damage. [*Ibid. No. 86.*]

Oct. 10.
Harwich.

Capt. Silas Taylor to the same. The houses adjoining the launch are in danger every great wind, most of them leaning to the east on account of the force of the westerly winds. [*Ibid. No. 87.*] *Enclosed,*

Thomas Langley and Robert Last, carpenter, to the same. Certificate that the spawls about the great launch are rotten just at the ground, and will endanger the buildings on both sides by their fall, and that a small pitch-kettle house on the wharf should be pulled down. [Ibid. No. 871.]

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Oct. 10. Peter Bronsdon to the same. The 29th I received yours, on my
Cork. return from the Killmar river. I had been at Dingle Bay viewing
Sir Francis Brewster's woods, which lie so far from the seaside, that
I think they cannot draw any timber from the best, which are
called Glanfliske, and lie in a glen between two great mountains,
the ground very rocky, and the end of the glen beset with bogs, so
that no timber is brought thence but what can be carried on horses'
backs like pipe-staves. From Glancarra, the other wood which
lies by Lough Carr, some small timber may be brought to the sea-
side. I cannot give any judgment as to the quantity, the woods
being so thick, and much old timber lying on the ground, which is
very rocky, and no drawing the timber till a way is made, which
from the furthest part to the Lough is about two miles, then boated
over the Lough, which is about three miles, and then drawn over a
bog, about a mile of very bad way, and then boated by the river
about four miles to where the ship can ride. For this I treated
with the steward, who can give no answer without hearing from
Sir Francis Brewster. I expect his answer every day. Thence I
went again to the Killmar river, and I like these woods best for
transportation of any I see in Ireland. The steward has not yet
received any answer from Sir William Petty. I shall give you a
further account on my return. In six days I hope to sail for
Minehead. I hope the *St. Jacob* is safely arrived, though we hear
she is lost. I have received the 50*l.* order. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.*
300, No. 88.]
- Oct. 10. W. B[odham] to Thomas Hayter. Signifying that their hemp
Woolwich was long since exhausted, and that there was a demand from Dept-
Ropeyard. ford for a great quantity of cordage. [*Ibid.* No. 89.]
- Oct 11. List of persons convicted at the sessions for London and Middle-
sex, with their sentences. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 111.]
- Oct, 11, [Ralph] Snowe to Williamson. I have communicated yours of
the 9th to his Grace [the Archbishop of Canterbury], who is very
ready to gratify you and your friend the Doctor, but is unable to
do so in this, for Dr. Clerke has not yet accepted the bishopric, and
if he does, will beseech his Majesty that he may hold *in com-
mendam* the living you mention. [*Ibid.* No. 112.]
- Oct. 11. Dr. Thomas Vyner to Williamson. Forwarding two letters from
Windsor the Bishop of Gloucester and the Chapter Clerk there, and desiring
Castle. the former to be returned. The bearer is the Mayor before
Mr. Fowler. [*Ibid.* No. 113.] *Enclosed,*
- Oct. 4. William Nicholson, Bishop of Gloucester, to Dr. Vyner. We
Gloucester. are here all mad, Bedlam mad. Last Monday, the day to
choose the Mayor and officers for the city, the Mayor sent to
the Aldermen and Common Council to appear for the
election at one, being resolved to carry himself with that mild-
ness and calmness as not to exasperate the froward party,
and summoned them to accompany him to the cathedral at
morning service at ten. Thither he came with his company,
but while we were at prayer, an Assembly of the rest was
called, as was agreed the night before. Alderman Arnold at

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the head steered the business as Demetrius at Ephesus, and prevailed so far with the rest of the Council that Mr. Bubb, or Bubble rather, was elected Mayor, and two sheriffs agreed on before chosen with the other officers, for which the bells of St. Michael's were rung, great joy omni populo, and so suddenly done that we heard the harmony when we came out of the cathedral. Had they been rung backwards I suppose it had been more proper. To mix a little mirth with this tragical scene, Dorney was sent for to be consulted of the legality of the election. In this like himself a grave lawyer he answered, he knew no law to justify their actions. However, jolly they would be, wine and cakes were sent for, one of which was sent him; but he refused, and jocularly replied, he'd none of their cake, for he feared their cake was dough. Whether he rejected the good sack or claret I cannot say, because it is præter consuetudinem. After we had dined at the old sheriffs', the old Mayor at one appears on the stage at the Council House with his party as appointed, quickly acquaints them of the reason of his summons at that hour and meeting according to their charter and custom to elect officers. Up starts presently a tribune and tells him that he might spare his pains, for they had already elected for themselves, and demanded of him the sword and maces in a threatening and angry manner. The Mayor showed his wisdom and patience, gave not a high word, but told them that his Majesty had committed that sword to him, and that he could not be so perfidious as to deliver it to any whom he conceived not to be his Majesty's Lieutenant, and with that rose up and laboured to depart, but a hubbub there was, the door of the Council Chamber was clapped to against him, harsh words passed, and some blows, Mr. Wagstaffe's heels attempted to be struck up, with much more rudeness. But the Mayor at last forced the door and opened it, and carried the sword and maces to his own house, where they yet are, though there be threats to fetch them thence by violence. Remember my service to Mr. Williamson, and acquaint him that his counsel was followed, for they have now entangled themselves sufficiently. It remains in his Majesty's power to let them out of the net or else to take them in it. One thing only I forgot, Dux femina facti. I will unfold this mystery when we meet. [S.P. Dom., Car. II 293, No. 1131.]

Oct. 4.
Gloucester.

William Lambe, Chapter Clerk, to Dr. Thomas Vyner. Giving another account of the election, with the addition that after the Mayor's departure, the morning electors sat still in the Boothall and proceeded to swear in the Mayor and sheriffs, which are Mr. Bubb, Mr. Veysey, and Mr. Phelps, and afterwards brought their elected Mayor home. Next day they summoned a Council, and met this morning. The first thing they did they broke open the treasury, and made an order demanding the sword and maces, and bound Mr. Jourdan to good behaviour. [2 pages. Ibid. No. 11311.]

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Oct. 11. Mary Baron to Williamson. Requesting him to forward the enclosed, which she sends by the desire of Lady Carr and her aunt. I should be glad to hear what the London ladies' opinions are of us poor country women. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 114.]

Oct. 11.
Deal.

Joseph Smith, Judge Advocate, to the Navy Commissioners. Yesterday at a court martial on board the *Dreadnought*, Robert Johnes, boatswain of the *Francis*, was found guilty of embezzling a hawser and other stores, and sentenced to be sent to [Chatham?], and to be rowed from the dockyard to one of the ships there, with the usual ceremony of a drum beating at the head of the boat, his crime written in capital letters and fixed on his head, breast, and back, to stand an hour on the gunwale of the ship with a rope from the yardarm about his neck, and then to have fifteen strokes on his naked back, and to have the like punishment at Woolwich and Deptford, to be dismissed his ship, and rendered incapable of ever bearing any office in any of his Majesty's ships. [1½ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 90.]

Oct. 11. Jonas Shish to the same. Giving particulars of Mr. William Wood's beech timber, which will be useful for the new sluice at Deptford Yard, and suggesting that the sluice should have three channels for the water to run out. [*Ibid.* No. 91.]

Oct. 12.
Pall Mall.

Sir Peter Wyche to Williamson. How I wished myself in the cracking chair the evening the King returned from Cambridge. How shriekingly would all the Oxford men have quitted the field, and how might I have run myself out of breath without any competitor. When the sun but shines we are as glad of it for your sake as Gondibert was, who in England bemoaned its absence, and by a gentleman going to Spain presented the glorious planet with his very humble service. Jack's other father, Pelham, is come to town, but as children learn their native language by hearing the common discourse, so ours often remembering you will not suffer his presence to prevail against your absence. My cousin Harby has been very ill. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 115.]

Oct. 12. Dr. J. Fell to Sir Leoline Jenkins. To-morrow the Principal will give you a full account of what passes here. The passion of our angry men, when they saw themselves concluded to choose that one man who was unquestionably fit here or look abroad, set up and chose Wase, a Cambridge man, who I hear is crazed in his head and void of all management. [*Ibid.* No. 116.]

Oct. 12. John Kendall of Thetford to Lord Arlington. Petition stating that he leased certain marsh lands in North Wootton and Rising, Norfolk, from Lord Henry Howard, at 700*l.* a year rent, and a fine of 1,500*l.*, for 21 years, of which eight or nine years are unexpired, but on 12 September last, a breach of the sea overflowed those marsh lands to the value of 500*l.* or 600*l.* a year, drowning many hundreds of great marsh sheep, destroying 400 or 500 acres of edgrowth (*sic*) or after-grass and old grass, and injuring his hay; and begging his Lordship's mediation with Lord Howard, to acquit him of the remaining years unexpired, abate the last half-year's rent, and return part of the fine. [*Ibid.* No. 117.]

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Oct. 12. Lord Arlington to Williamson. The enclosed answers the King's
Euston. letter. I have added a word from myself about my brother's bill. If the King be content, its passing by immediate warrant will be best. The King will be here on Saturday. Let Mr. Sayers follow, and the chaplain for Sunday. It will be impossible to lodge the Duke with any convenience, but wait upon him to know his pleasure. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 118.*]
- [Before
Oct. 12.] The King to the Bishop of Lichfield and the Dean and Chapter there. Recommending John Waldron for election to the first vacant prebend there. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 48, p. 33.*]
- Oct. 12. Matthew Wren to the Navy Commissioners. Directing that with
Newmarket. the other repairs of the *Monmouth* yacht, her head should be raised a little. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 92.*]
- Oct. 12. John Petty, purser of the *Royal Charles*, to Sir Thomas Allin and
Rochester. Sir Jeremy Smith. Asking for leave for his friend Robert Orrin, purser of the *Gloucester*, to appoint a deputy, in order that he may attend at the passing of his own accounts, which he himself is disabled by illness from doing, and requesting a speedy and favourable despatch of the said accounts, and that allowance be made him for the great expense of cask in sea fights and other necessary occasions. [*Ibid. No. 93.*]
- Oct. 12. Captain Anthony Deane to Commissioner Tippetts. I enclose
Portsmouth. an estimate for the works in the yard and the ordinary caulking and repairs afloat, and also the beginning of a detailed estimate of the charge of docking, shoring, and repairing one ship, which on that method would take ten or twelve sheets of paper, as to which we desire the Board's resolution. Pray let us have some supply of plank and long treenails, of which we have none. But 30 loads of timber are at Redbridge, and near 300 still in the New Forest. I have often pressed Mr. Eastwood about it, but I doubt the season of the year is so far spent as this winter's work will receive a great loss by this neglect of carriage. He answers the hewing the frame takes away his profit, and says he has given the Board an account of it. He is aged, and cannot ride to see the business done, and I wish some younger man were thought on to get down what we can out of the woods. [2 pages. *Ibid. No. 94.*] *Enclosed,*
Estimate and present charge of repairing the Yarmouth, Nightingale, and Anne yacht, and building Prince Rupert's vessel, the new great ship, and twelve new boats, and for caulking and ordinary repairs of the fifteen ships afloat, and to repair all the harbour and workmen's boats, amounting to 22,650l. [Ibid. No. 94i.]
Detailed particulars of the repairs of the Happy Return. [2 pages, with a note that to proceed on this method through the whole ship would take ten or more sheets. Ibid. No. 94ii.]
- Oct. 12. Walter Slingsby to the same. Desiring an order for his receiving
Portsmouth. stores at the storehouse door according to custom, and not at the

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wharf, several embezzlements being made between the wharf and the storehouse. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 95.]

Oct. 13.
Euston.

Lord Arlington to Williamson. Acknowledging his, and enclosing a warrant countersigned, and his brother's bill. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 119.]

Oct. 13.
London.

J. Sayers to Williamson. Sending a paper to put him in mind of their parson, as Mr. Chiffinch may have forgotten to do so, and stating that if he pleases to make any use of the kitchen Mr. Musher will readily serve him till he comes. [*Ibid.* No. 120.]

Oct. 13.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Shipping intelligence. We have no news but of war with Holland, which is generally disliked of. [*Ibid.* No. 121.]

Oct. 13.
Gloucester.

Henry Fowler to Williamson. I will observe the advice in your letter just received in every particular. The morning after the irregular actings of those people, I gave Judge Morton an account of it. As soon as his Majesty's express arrived I performed his command, and sent that enclosed for the Marquess to him at Badminton. [*Ibid.* No. 122.]

Oct. 13.

Dr. Fell to Williamson. Acknowledging his kindness in his late offer about the printing, of the reception of which Mr. Principal will inform him, though, considering the risks of great undertakers, possibly the refusal of our service may prove no small expression of thankfulness for our good intentions, and enclosing a specimen of a catalogue, an imperfect payment of a debt long since owed, beginning with an account of Greek writers, the "failances" of which he asks him to pardon. [*Ibid.* No. 123.]

Oct. 13.

Dr. Tullie to Williamson. Repeating his request to be excused going to Newmarket, and asking him to represent it to the Lord Chamberlain. [*Ibid.* No. 124.]

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Matthew Lock to Williamson. As Lord Hawley's troop, now quartered in Southwark, is ordered to march to Canterbury on the 26th, enclosing an order for Sir Francis Compton's troop, now at Huntingdon, to relieve them in Southwark, if it be the King's pleasure that there should be a troop in Southwark. [*Ibid.* No. 125.]

Oct. 14.

Sir John Berkenhead to Williamson. I suppose Dr. Hugh's business is by this despatched. I have some books of his that must be sent by special hand, and would gladly let it go along with them. We all, who have served the King or his father, are sorry for Mr. Dyves. I know the King will show small pity to coiners, especially of guineas. This morning Lord Ashley summoned two or three Commissioners of Discovery for Defective Titles, and told them such commissions ought not to come under the Great Seal, but the Exchequer Seal. The Lord Keeper and Attorney-General affirm the contrary. The truth is, this commission has got the start of the Duke of Buckingham's, which has been long on the anvil, but not yet passed. Caveats were put in at the Great Seal, but the Lord

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Keeper, more valiant than ordinary, slighted them all, and the Commissioners now sit, and are like to do service. An ecclesiastical officer, well known to you, last Wednesday convented a gentleman for a clandestine marriage, who answered he was not guilty, for though he had lived two years with the lady at bed and board, he was never married at all. We hear Sir Robert Howard has won all; must he always gain by being against the King? [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, *No.* 126.]

Oct. 14.
Gloucester.

Henry Fowler to Williamson. I have punctually observed his Majesty's commands, and also performed on Monday the order from Sir Robert Southwell, giving every person concerned a ticket under my hand to appear the 30th instant, the day appointed by his Majesty for hearing the matter. But being myself a principal person concerned, and being commanded by his Majesty to exercise the office of Mayor till the matter be decided, I beg you to resolve the question whether I may come to London and leave this charge without being authorised by his Majesty. [*Ibid.* *No.* 127.]

Oct. 14.
Newmarket.

The King to [the Governors of] Sutton's Hospital. Recommending George Seignior, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, to the office of preacher of that hospital, void by death of Dr. Thirscrosse. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 35B, *f.* 17.]

Oct. 14.

List of orders exchanged by Sir Thomas Littleton since his list of 3 August 1671, and an account of orders since received out of the Exchequer, and of what are remaining. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, *No.* 96.]

Oct. 15.
St. Mary Hall,
Oxford.

Christopher Wase to Williamson. When I arrived here on the sole occasion of Eton on Thursday, Dr. Allestry informed me that the same Tuesday I had been elected Architypographus, to which is annexed an Esquire Bedell in Law. In my absence, and without my knowledge, I was nominated and elected against a competitor who relied on the sole strength of Christ Church, so that he had 70 and I 139 voices. All Queen's and St. John's were unanimous for me, and some others. This is hardly digested by Christ Church, that a Cambridge man should appear in Oxford, and they would reverse the privileges of the University by getting a mandamus to reverse it. I flee to your compassion that I suffer not such violence, nor so ill a precedent be raised against the place; by Dr. Wren I have deprecated my Lord of Canterbury's grace. They managed awhile the objection of my grace for Doctor in Cambridge against it, but finding that to have been but inchoative, and that I was not presented, they waived it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, *No.* 128.]

Oct. 15.
Newmarket.

Francis, Lord Hawley, to Williamson at Euston. As he could not see him before he went, desiring him to remind Mr. Treasurer and Lord Arlington of his business, that they may join in moving of it to his Majesty, and saying that he is himself better, and hopes to be well in two days. [*Ibid.* *No.* 129.]

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Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Shipping news. [*Ibid.* *No.* 130.]

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 Oct. 16. Joseph Haynes to Williamson. Enclosing a state of his business, one whereof the Duchess of Monmouth has sent to Lord Arlington, and another Captain Downing has sent to Mr. Porter for the Duke of Buckingham, and begging him to move Lord Arlington on his behalf, or that he himself would present a petition for him to his Majesty, or do whatever he shall think fit, by advising with Mr. Porter or the Duke of Monmouth, towards the saving of his life. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 131.]
- Oct. 16. Sir Thomas Littleton to Williamson. Enclosing a letter for Mr. Treasurer, as directed by him. [*Ibid.* No. 132.]
- Oct. 16. Sir Thomas Player to Williamson. Apologising for not having written before, for want of news; saying that Sir John Robinson, Sir Andrew King, and himself were invited to dinner by Captain Mead, the great Quaker, to his house at Clapham, where they had ten or twelve dishes of meat, but no butcher's meat, and most abominable Christmas pies, and were all served in silver and made half drunk, though the Quaker never drank to them; requesting to be informed whether the Dutch desire to raise any men here, and whether the King will permit it, because there are two or three considerable persons, no ill soldiers, who have a desire and reputation enough to raise men for them, but they will rather die than do it without the King's full approbation; and saying that they have heard here with trembling of great dangers his Majesty has been in, and wish him here in safety. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ page. *Ibid.* No. 133.]
- Oct. 16. Sir Robert Southwell to Williamson. I got safely home Saturday night, and found among the letters for me here Lord Arlington's invitation to Euston, telling me my errand into Flanders as Envoy Extraordinary. Pray let your servant convey the enclosed to Lord Crofts, justifying me from a troublesome neighbour, his tenant. [*Ibid.* No. 134.]
- Oct. 16. Thomas Blood to Williamson. I received yours of the 11th from Sir John, and acknowledge with all thankfulness your great condescension in being so mindful of our small concerns among your many weighty affairs. Our two friends present their service to you. We meet often, and are very intent on what may be serviceable to his Majesty. Mr. Ch[urch] intends immediately to begin his corresponding in Ireland, and at your return to give you a further account of that affair. Last Thursday I met the person I was to meet, but nothing considerable passed but large expressions of his great respects to me, and how ready he was to serve me, and how much he disgusted my antagonist. I was pressed to accept his endeavours to solicit some advantage for me from the King. I thanked his care, and told him I had found his Majesty's grace towards and care of me so large that I thought it inconvenient to move for more. I suppose I shall have another appointment, at which he may be more free with me in some things I have had hints of, but I forbear mentioning them till I wait on you on your return. Sir John has taken pains in freeing those prisoners, and has put it in a fair way. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *Ibid.* No. 135.]

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Oct. 16. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I read to
Chatham. the several officers concerned the articles mentioned in yours of the 10th, and gave to those that desired it a copy of such articles as they thought concerned them, and they promised the speedy execution thereof. I enclose the estimate I had from them for provisions wanting to fit out the ships here without any regard to what is in store, and also those wanting at present, without a speedy supply of which the service will be much hindered, and likewise an account of the whole charge of the works yet to be done to the ships. There is no estimate of the particulars of the works intended to be undertaken first, as the articles express, but only these in gross, for want of which estimate a hoy is here now with plank from Mr. Maddox, which is unreceived, not knowing on what estimate to give warrant for receipt thereof. There is another great difficulty about the iron work, as to which the master shipwright has proposed no method, but promises he will, nor have I yet received any return from the master attendants and clerk of the survey. Two of the guardships have their guns on board, but want powder. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 97.*]
- Oct. 17. William Bridgeman to Williamson. I find by yours of this
Euston. morning the miscarriage of a letter sent you on Saturday at M. Colbert's desire for the Duke of Richmond. My lord desires you to show the enclosed from Major Darrell to the King, and know his pleasure about it, and the other from my lord will acquaint you with the contents of that to his Majesty, and he bids me add that he desires you to acquaint the King that Major Andros arrived at Gothenburg five days after Ambassador Coventry. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 136.*]
- Oct. 17. Lord Arlington to Williamson. Desiring him to present the
Euston. enclosed to the King, and to obtain his pleasure on it, and consenting to his going to London on Thursday. [*Ibid. No. 137.*]
Enclosed,
- Oct. 17. Lord Arlington to the King. On the Lord Keeper's behalf,
Euston. asking him to grant to his nephew, Mr. Bridgeman, the office of Protonotary of Monmouthshire and three other counties in South Wales now held by one Hughes, who is dying. [*Ibid. No. 137i.*]
- Oct. 17. Dr. Francis Turner to Williamson. Mr. Gale of Trinity and I have
St. John's so ordered matters that you shall have the desire expressed in yours
College. of the 13th. The Master of St. Benet's only alleged it was very uncustomary, but not unstatutable, to grant such an MS. as this out of the library, and was extremely civil in affording his licence and assistance to find the book. The day after I waited on you at Newmarket, I laid out for Grotius *de Jure Belli*, and the four pleasant pieces, some as tart as pleasant, on the contempt of the clergy. — Describing by what means the books were sent to Williamson at Newmarket, and asking his kindness to the bearer, Mr. Seignior. [*Ibid. No. 138.*]

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Oct. 17. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Enclosing a list of ships
Plymouth. arrived. The *Rupert*, with her convoy, sailed last night for the Straits. News of the fight described more fully in Holden's of the 18th. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 139.*] *Enclosed,*

The said list. [*Ibid. No. 139I.*]

Oct. 17. William Wakeman to James Hickes. Shipping news. [*Ibid.*
Barnstaple. *No. 140.*]

Oct. 17. Thomas Butler to Williamson. Hearing that Dr. Clerke, incum-
Southampton. bent of North Crawley, in Bedfordshire, is actually, or is certain to be, appointed to the vacant bishopric of Bristol, begging him to use his interest to procure that living for him. [*Ibid. No. 141.*]

Oct. 17. John Wagstaffe to Williamson. Our Recorder, Mr. Justice Mor-
Seven Stars, in ton, has commanded me to consult you whether it be his Majesty's
St. Lawrence pleasure that the Mayor should appear on the day of hearing. A
Lane, London. reply by next post is desired to the Mayor or to Morton. [*Ibid.*
No. 142.]

Oct. 17. Christopher Wase to Williamson. The complete kindness of the
Oxford. University has defeated my fears and suspicions. They have actually admitted me to the place of Architypographus to the University and Superior Bedell in Civil Law. [*Ibid. No. 143.*]

Oct. 17. Captain Edmund Chillenden to the Navy Commissioners. Desir-
ing satisfaction against Richard Davis, mate of the *Dover*, who, at the instigation of Edward Gampens, master thereof, last Saturday evening waylaid him, and gave him many blows with a stick, and wounded him and despoiled him of his goods, and who, with Gampens, goes on threatening his life. Noted that the matter was accommodated at the Board between Chillenden and the parties, Davis confessing the fault and giving him 40s. for his cure. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 98.*]

Oct. 18. Thomas Holden to Williamson. A vessel from Milford speaks
Falmouth. of much wreck on that coast. They met such violent storms about the Land's End that a vessel that sailed with her foundered near her. The *Ruth* arrived here from Oporto. There came out with her the *Swallow* of London, and a pink, and off the Northern Cape an Algiers man-of-war of about 30 guns came up with them under an English flag, but when they came within shot put up the Turk's colours. They boarded the *Swallow* once or twice, and she cleared them again. She had 18 guns. The *Ruth* being far distant, he could not put any of his men on board them, and night drawing on, they made the best of their way. They heard several broadsides, and believe that if they held out till night they might get clear. A vessel from Rochelle reports that about 22 sail were cast away on that coast, three of them English. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 144.*]

Oct. 19. Richard Watts to Williamson. Our Deal men on board the
Deal. King's four ships in the Thames report their victuals very unwholesome, that most of the men are gone, and suffer rather to

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lose their pay than to stay, being at home so long without their money that they are run in debt more than their wages would pay. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 145.]

Oct. 19.

Warrant to pay to Sir Robert Southwell, Envoy Extraordinary to the Governor of the Spanish Netherlands, 4*l.* *per diem* and 300*l.* for his equipage. [Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 135.]

Oct. 19.
Chatham.

Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. Informing them that he had ordered the *Victory* to be launched and the *Rainbow* docked in her room, and inquiring whether the *Dunkirk* and *Antelope* are to be sheathed before they are launched, their works being almost finished. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 99.]

Oct. 19.
Deptford.

Captain John Tinker and J. Uthwat to the same. Stating on what principle they had estimated the tonnage of the masts and other goods sent in the *Love*. [Ibid. No. 100.]

Oct. 19.
Vicualling
Office.

Sir D. Gauden and Co. to the same. Desiring that two bills of exchange drawn by Sir T. Clutterbuck be accepted and paid, and placed to their account. [Ibid. No. 101.]

Oct. 19.
Woolwich.

William Hannam to the same. According to my instructions as master attendant I am not concerned in keeping any accounts, which is the business of the clerk of the survey, mine being to look after the ships afloat, and see them safely transported to the docks, and when launched to their moorings again, and to see them well rigged and fitted for sea. His Majesty's affairs are much hindered by men engrossing offices for two yards, and those that live on the place are put to a great deal more trouble. If it is objected, Why can you not do it as well as formerly? I answer since this was first a yard the Navy is twice as many, if not more. I have known so little to do here that the docks were lent to owners to build and repair ships. [Ibid. No. 102.]

Oct. 19.
Woolwich.

The same to Colonel Middleton. Desiring an order for a partition to be put up in the sail-room, and for surrendering the room to the boatswain of the yard. [Ibid. No. 103.]

Oct. 20.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Enclosing a list of ships and giving more details of the fight with the Algerine. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 146.] *Enclosed,*

The said list. [Ibid. No. 146i.]

Oct. 20.
Portsmouth.

John Powell to James Hickes. As he has left Weymouth for Portsmouth, advising that Nathaniel Osborne be made correspondent in his place, and asking to be correspondent at Portsmouth in place of Mr. Salesbury, or at any rate to have the *Gazettes* weekly. A note at the side from James Hickes desires Williamson's advice thereon. [Ibid. No. 147.]

Oct. 20.
Chatham
Dock.

Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. Concerning the launching of the ships in dock, and which are to be docked in their room, and the difficulty about the ironwork (all mentioned in his

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letter of the 9th, to which he has received no answer), and desiring a speedy reply. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 104.]

Oct. 20.
Chatham.

Thomas Wilson, storekeeper, to the same. Referring them to Commissioner Cox's warrant for delivering canvas and tar to several boatswains for making tarpaulins, on account (besides the danger of the tar being embezzled) of the risk of the ships being fired by making them on board. [*Ibid.* No. 105.]

Oct. 21.
Pembroke.

Robert Chambers to Williamsom. Having come there as collector, desiring the news-letter as sent to the late collector, and offering in return to correspond. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 148.]

Oct. 21.
Gloucester.

Henry Fowler to Williamson. Since his Majesty's letter I have exercised the office of Mayor, but little regard is had to me, very few owning me to be Mayor, but the power of Mayor is in the person irregularly elected, who writes himself William Bubb, Mayor. I have called two Common Councils to declare his Majesty's pleasure, but there was no appearance except a few of our friends. I was compelled, therefore, to send to their houses a letter of my own and Sir Robert Southwell's, that everyone might take notice of the day appointed for hearing the matter, and be unable to plead ignorance. The town is at present quiet, but full of discontents. Pray send me a line or two by the next post whether I am to attend on the day fixed. Mr. Alderman Wagstaffe, now in London, will wait upon you. [*Ibid.* No. 149.]

Oct. 21.
Plymouth.

James Blackborne to James Hickes. The weather has been stormy; two Dutch vessels and an English one were cast ashore north of the Land's End, near the habitation of the Earl of Bath, who prevented the usual destruction that the country makes in such cases, and gave passes to the people for Plymouth, where some have embarked for Holland. A ship from Newfoundland, which persisted in going for Saltash, was lost. [*Damaged. Ibid.* No. 150.]

Oct. 21.

Warrant to Jo. Topham, Serjeant-at-Arms, to repair to Gloucester and apprehend Wm. Bubb, alderman, and bring him before the King and Council, for contempt of the King's late letters concerning the government of that city. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 119.]

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 151.]

Oct. 21.
Whitehall.

Warrant to Sir Henry de Vic, Chancellor of the Garter, to admit Captain Thomas Beck, who is unmarried, and suffered both in limbs and fortunes for the late King, to the place of a poor knight of Windsor, void by death of Col. Hastings. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 36, p. 42.]

Oct. 21.
Bristol.

Francis Baylie to the Navy Commissioners. The first barge with timber for loading the ketch is come, and I hope the rest will Monday or Tuesday. I desire orders for the master. I have given him my bond for payment of the freight two days after discharge. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 106.]

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Dr. Fell to Williamson. The defeat of our proposal is no surprise to me, this not being the first time I have found how impatient some here are of having good done to the public. Mr. Principal will tell you with what caution we proceeded in expectation of opposition. Our Masters are ashamed of what they have done, but will, I fear, continue in the same ill-humour, and be tempted to repeat it. The pretence of house-room, &c., is so pitiful a suggestion that plainly it was only mentioned because nothing better could be thought of; the advancement of printing was the real grievance. What troubles me most is the sordid ingratitude to my Lord of Canterbury, which after such obligations as we have received is vile and brutish beyond all example or comparison. It is advisable not to make any new offers. When anything like an overture is proposed, I shall not throw it off without advising with you. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 152.*]

Oct 22.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Shipping news. [*Ibid. No. 153.*]

Oct. 22.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Shipping news. [*Ibid. No. 154.*]

Oct. 22.

Warrant to the Recorder of London to insert the name of Thomas Sykes, convicted of burglary at the Old Bailey sessions, into the next pardon that comes out for Newgate convicts, inserting his name in the clause for transportation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 55.*]

Oct. 22.

The King to Major N. Dorrell, Governor of Sheerness. Several Dutch dogger-boats, usually frequenting the river of Chatham in the oyster season, have passed up as far as Upnor Castle on pretence of getting oysters; they are not to be suffered to pass higher up the river than within gunshot of that fort, and such as shall pass higher shall be stayed till their contempt of orders has been certified. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 79.*]

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Warrant to the Clerk of the Signet to prepare a bill granting to Sir Martin Wescombe, Consul at Cadiz, 20s. *per diem* for his entertainment, and 100*l.* for his settlement there. [*1½ page. Draft. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 155.*]

Oct. 22.

Privy seal for 40s. *per diem* to Sir Martin Wescombe, knight, British Agent and Consul at Cadiz. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 119.*]

Docquet thereof, dated the 31st. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 140.*]

Oct. 22.

Warrant to the Commissioners of the Musters to muster and pass as lieutenant in Sir Edward Betts' troop, in the Earl of Oxford's regiment, Henry Slingsby and his two men, who has obtained leave to go to France in the regiment levied by Sir H. Jones for the French King's service, during his absence. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35A, f. 29.*]

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Warrant for arms and ammunition for the Barbados regiment [*Calendared in S.P. Col., America, &c., 1669-1674, p. 268. Ibid.*]

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- Oct. 22. Warrant for a licence to John Ramsden and his heirs to hold a
Whitehall. market for cattle and merchandise every Tuesday at Hudders-
field, co. York, receiving the tolls and profits thereof. [*S.P. Dom.*,
Entry Book 36, p. 43.]
- Oct. 22. John Moore to the Navy Commissioners. The *Phœnix* and
Portsmouth. *Constant Warwick* sailed on Friday from Spithead for the Downs.
Tar is greatly wanted for the ropemakers. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 300,
No. 107.]
- Oct 22. Captain Robert Stout to the same. Stating that several of his
The *Fountain*, cables were old, that the King may not be charged with new for
in the Downs. old, and that he had provisions only for four months and three
weeks. [*Ibid.* *No.* 108.]
- Oct. 22. Captain William Davis to the same. We sailed 18 September
The *Mary Rose*, from the Bay of Bulls, with 37 ships in our convoy, and we are now
off Cadiz. Having placed the ships bound for this place in security,
I shall pursue our voyage. [*Ibid.* *No.* 109.]
- Oct. 23. Thomas Hall, Registrar. Notice to all persons having claims
under the late Act of Parliament for settling and preserving the
navigation of the river Wey to bring them in before All Saints'
Day next. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 293, *No.* 156.]
- Oct. 23. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Very bad and tempestuous
Truro. weather of late. [*Ibid.* *No.* 157.]
- Oct. 23. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Sending list of ships arrived,
Plymouth. with some other shipping news. [*Ibid.* *No.* 158.]
- Oct. 23. Certificate by Sir John Frederick, J.P., that Jacob Wartlae, an
alien, had taken the oath of allegiance before him. [*Ibid.* *No.* 159.]
- Oct. 23. Sir John Robinson to Williamson. My escaped prisoner returned
The Tower. last night infinitely ashamed of his foolish actions. Pray satisfy
Lord Arlington. [*Ibid.* *No.* 160.]
- Oct. 23. Order to Commissioner Cox, if the Dutch oyster boats pass up
the river, to seize and make stay of them till he has certified their
insolence. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 31, f. 79.]
- Oct. 23. Commission to John Morgan, to be ensign to Captain Thomas
Jermyn. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 35A, f. 29.]
- Oct 23. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I received yours
Chatham approving of the docking of the *Rainbow*, *Lyon*, and *Henrietta*, and
Dockyard. a warrant from Commissioner Cox for that purpose, and for
repairing the *Rainbow*, but no directions about the repairs of the
Lyon and *Henrietta*, and therefore desire your speedy directions
therein. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 300, *No.* 110]
- Oct. 23. G. Peachy to the same. Giving an account of the yarn in store,
Portsmouth. which will take five months to tar and lay into cordage when the
Ropeyard. tar is received. [*Ibid.* *No.* 111.]
- Oct. 23. Henry Edgar to Samuel Peaps (Pepys). Offering to build a
Yarmouth. frigate of the dimensions of the *Yarmouth* at 6*l.* 10*s.* per ton, and
desiring to have the scantlings of all timbers, with the length,
breadth, depth, and rake. [*Ibid.* *No.* 112.]

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Oct. 23. Warrant for a charter granting to James, Archbishop of
Whitehall. St. Andrews, and his successors, the sole power of naming and
presenting the four commissaries of Edinburgh. [*S.P. Scotland,*
Warrant Book 1, p. 277.]
- Oct. 23. Sir N. Armorer to Williamson. Commending the bearer, Sir
Dublin. Arthur Forbes. I had come with him, but yet my tolls are not ready
for the report, being resolved now I am on this side to finish all.
You tell me not that the Lord Lieutenant was angry with you,
though I know it from other hands. [2 pages. *S.P. Ireland,*
Car. II. 330, No. 217.]
- Oct. 23. Sir Ellis Leighton to Williamson. Cooper, the spreader of
Dublin. seditious libels, which you desired so strict an inquiry after, is
lately taken in the county. A pursuivant is sent to seize all his
books. He himself is brought to town, and is in strict custody, but
has not yet been examined, but will be strictly. What we get out
of him shall be the subject of another letter. Pray give the enclosed
to Father Patrick [McGinn], and present my humble service to
Lord Aungier and Lord Arlington. You will send me word how
you will have this Cooper disposed of. Maybe you will be able to
prove more against him there. I take no delight in the feverish
animosities of this place, that leave but an uncomfortable station for
common civility or neutrality. [3½ pages. *Ibid. No. 218.*]
- [Oct. ?] Horatio, Lord Townshend, to the King. Petition stating that he
has a grant of one-half of the 8s. duty per chaldron on coals ex-
ported, and praying a grant of the other half at such rent and for
such time as shall be for his Majesty's service, the petitioner being
willing to give the value to enable him the better to manage his
own half. *At foot,*
- Oct. 24. *Reference thereof to the Lords of the Treasury, and*
- Oct. 31. *Reference thereof by them to the Commissioners of the Customs.*
[*Copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 161.*]
- Oct. 24. Thomas Butler to Williamson. Repeating his request for the living
Southampton. of North Crawley in Bedfordshire. [*Ibid. No. 162.*]
- Oct. 24. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The States have prohibited the im-
Harwich. portation of wine, paper, and chesnuts from France, under great
penalties; the Hollanders on the other side are unwilling to venture
their ships into France, fearing an embargo. [*Ibid. No. 163.*]
- Oct. 24. Privy seal for payment to Sir George Downing, Ambassador to
the States General, of 1,500*l.* for his equipage and 10*l.* *per diem* for
his entertainment during that employment, and also of such sums
for extraordinaries as shall be allowed by a Secretary of State.
[*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 116.*]
- [Oct. ?] Caveat in favour of T. Billaye, that nothing pass concerning a
pardon for Misset. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 32, p. 12.*]
- Oct. 24. Caveat in favour of Fr. Rogers, that nothing pass of Jones's
estate. [*Ibid.*]

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Oct. 24. Warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley to deliver to John Browne, the founder, all the defective brass ordnance about the Tower and Woolwich for recasting. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35A, f. 30.*]
- Oct. 24. Edward Boatwell and Thomas Denton, the relations, attorneys, and masters of thirteen caulkers named in the margin, now in service at Port Mahon, to the Navy Commissioners. Requesting payment of their arrears, not having received a penny for eleven months, though it had been promised their wages should be paid at the end of every six months. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 113.*] *Annexed,*
- Oct. 21. *Edward Boatwell to the same. Requesting their orders for the payment of the wages of his brother John, master caulker, and his son Daniel, and two others, and that the same might be granted to the relations of the rest of the caulkers. [Ibid. No. 113L.]*
- May 28. *John Boutwell to Lord Brounker. Stating that some of their company had been very sick, and requesting payment to their friends of their wages at the end of the six months. [Ibid. No. 113II.]*
- Oct. 24. The company of the *Centurion* to the Navy Commissioners. Petition, requesting that payment of their wages might be ordered, their ship having returned in August from a voyage of nearly three years to the Straits. [*Ibid. No. 114.*]
- Oct. 24. Francis Baylie to the same. I shall have the galliot, which is
Bristol. arrived here, laden and despatched with all possible speed. Her master goes to Newnham to-morrow to hasten the business. [*Ibid. No. 115.*]
- Oct. 24. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. On the petition of the Mayor
Whitehall. and Corporation of Dublin, proposing the erection of an hospital and school; directing letters patents to be passed granting the parcel of land at Oxmantown Green, on which the intended hospital and free school is already begun to be built, to the said mayor and corporation as a mansion house for the sustentation and relief of poor children, aged, maimed, and impotent people, inhabiting the said city, with power to the said mayor and corporation to place therein such master of the hospital and such poor people and children and such officers of the said hospital and free school, and likewise a learned and orthodox minister to be approved of by the Archbishop of Dublin, to read divine service and preach, teach, and catechise, as shall to them seem convenient, with power to remove the same from time to time, to be named "The Hospital and Free School of King Charles II., Dublin," the said mayor and corporation and their successors to be governors thereof as a body corporate, with perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to sue and be sued as such, and to hold lands not exceeding in value 6,000*l. per annum*, the statutes of mortmain notwithstanding, and that in the said letters are to be inserted all the clauses and privileges contained in the charter of Edward VI. to the mayor and commonalty of

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London for the erection of the hospitals commonly known as Christ's Hospital, St. Thomas's, and Bridewell, which shall be apt to be inserted therein. [*Nearly 5 pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 158.*]
- Oct. 24.
Whitehall. The same to the same. Directing a pardon to Henry Jackson and John Gallagher, who had been condemned for piracy at Cork last December, and who had since made some discoveries to the Earl of Orrery, Lord President of Munster. [*Ibid. p. 163.*]
- Oct. 25. Affidavit by William and Sampson Gough of Corbett's Wood, in the county of Salop, that Robert Greene, gentleman, of Bansum, parish of Pinkum (Pencomb), in the county of Hereford, in a discourse concerning the rebellious wars, said "that there was none but rogues that were of the King's party," and that the informants delivered a petition to Prince Rupert to that effect on 8 Sept. 1670, who ordered them to make oath of the same before a justice of the peace, and to send the affidavit to him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 164.*]
- Oct. 25.
Windsor. Dr. G. Hascard to Williamson. Your Greek author in a corner will be highly pleased if Bristol be proposed to his acceptance; he is sufficiently qualified to be a Greek father, and a spiritual madam is a very pretty thing. He has a good living in Lancashire. Yesterday the Dean of Gloucester and myself dined with Mr. Bold. He is very well, and imputes it to the *elixir proprietatis*. I wish it succeed at the long run well with him, for putting some into his pocket by mistake, it corroded and shrank it so much he was forced to send for a botcher. Lady Rachel goes to London next Tuesday with the Dean of Gloucester, but I must stay till the week after, having to attend the Audit. [*Ibid. No. 165.*]
- Oct. 25.
Falmouth. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. The *Falcon* frigate from the Straits has arrived. She sailed from Malaga convoying about 24 sail, five from Scanderoon and Smyrna. She lost them off the Northern Cape on the 22nd in very foul weather. Near the Lizard a Newfoundland ship of Plymouth is cast away. All her crew, about 70, were drowned except eight, some of whom are so wounded that they will hardly live. Near the same place the *Speedwell* from Scanderoon was embayed on Sunday night, and rode it out all that night and Monday. About thirty men endeavouring in her long-boat to put out another anchor, were cast away except one. The ship was driven ashore on Monday night, and more of her men drowned. [*Ibid. No. 166.*]
- Oct. 25.
Falmouth. Thomas Holden to Williamson. (A duplicate of the last.) [*Ibid. No. 167.*]
- [Oct. 25 ?] Narrative of the *Swallow's* fight. The *Swallow*, Capt. John Badisson commander, an English-built ship of 180 tons, 26 men, came out of Oporto about 2 October, in company with a small vessel for Plymouth and a flyboat for Bristol. Two days afterwards, off the Isles of Bayon, they were chased by an Algier man-of-war of 38 guns, esteemed to be manned with about 220 men. The flyboat

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sailing heavily, Capt. Baddisson, fearing they might take him, first towed him about two leagues, but, the Turk approaching, cast him off, and prepared to receive him, and thus gave the two small vessels an opportunity to escape. The Turk, after having given him a broadside and a volley of small shot, came to rights on board him and grappled him, putting several men on board him, but were bravely repulsed, and forced to cut his grapples, leaving six men still on board, and his great shot so well placed in the enemy's hull that he forced him to lie quiet for half an hour. Soon after, he boards him the second time, but was presently forced to fall off again without being able to recover the men he had left on board (who had got upon the shrouds and had cut most of the rigging and sails, two of which they killed, the others they gave quarter to and brought home with them), when, the night coming on and a fresh gale, they lost him, and with great difficulty, the hull being much torn with great shot, and having only a mainsail and spritsail left, the others being burnt in the fight, they performed their voyage, and arrived the 25th instant in the Downs. The captain behaved himself with great courage and prudence in ordering and managing so few hands against so considerable an enemy. He was shot through the cheek, his boatswain and two others were killed outright, the carpenter dangerously wounded, and about fourteen more, who are since the fight pretty well recruited. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 168.*]

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Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. The commander of the *Mary*, from Guinea, reports that the natives rose and possessed themselves of a ship and a sloop, but the English recovered them. A ship from the Barbary coast says the fort near Sallee that was building where they intended a harbour is left off as a matter of more expense than profit, and that a French squadron anchored near Sallee and bombarded it for four hours, but that the Turks or Moors did not sling above 40 shot at them. [*Ibid. No. 169.*]

Oct. 25.
Weymouth.

[Nathaniel Osborne] to James Hickes. Shipping news. [*Ibid. No. 170.*]

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Warrant for allowance to Sir Thos. Osborne, Bart., appointed on the 3rd instant Treasurer of the Navy, of 800*l.* a year for payment of his cashier and other inferior officers, in addition to the 2,000*l.* allowed him as salary, in lieu of the 3*d.* in the pound heretofore taken by the Treasurers, both amounts to be deducted by him from moneys received, and allowed on his accounts. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 114.*]

Oct. 25.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a grant to Thos. Stringer, in fee simple, nominee of Lord Ashley, of the reversion remaining in the Crown of Cranborne Chace, cos. Dorset, Wilts, and Hants, granted by King James to William, late Earl of Salisbury, and the heirs of his body. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 45.*]

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Reference to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury of Arundel Bull's petition desiring Thomas Stafford's estate. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 37, p. 7.*]

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- Oct. 25. Warrant to pay to the Cofferer of the Household 1,100*l.* for the arrears of board wages of Samuel Cooper, his Majesty's limner, for five and a half years, and also 200*l.* a year from last Michaelmas. [*Docquets*, Vol. 25, No. 136.]
- Oct. 25. Grant to Alexander Culpeper of the place of Surveyor-General of Virginia. [*Calendared in S.P. Col., America, &c.*, 1669-74, p. 268. *Ibid.* No. 137.]
- Oct. 25. Grant to William Thornebury and Timothy his son of the office of collector of the customs and subsidies on wool and all sorts of leather, &c., in the port of London, for their lives, on the surrender of the said office by the said William. [*Ibid.*]
- Oct. 25. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. Last Chatham. Monday the *Victory* was launched, the next day the *Rainbow* docked and the *Dunkirk* and *Antelope* launched, and to-day the *Lyon* and *Henrietta* were docked. Without speedy supply of the provisions lately demanded by the master shipwright and storekeeper, most of the works will be at a stand, there not being sufficient to employ the men. For want of bricks the *Dunkirk* and *Antelope* are both launched without hearths or furnaces. I direct my warrants to the clerk of the cheque and storekeeper to issue the provisions from time to time demanded by the master shipwright, according to his late estimate, as the works come in hand, as there is no account given of particulars on the estimate. If you disapprove of this way of proceeding, let me know your further pleasure. Shall the *Henrietta* have a full repair, or only be fitted for a voyage? There is no tar in store at the ropehouse. Tallow, thrums, lead, and lead scuppers are also greatly wanted. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 116.]
- Oct. 25. Captain John Waterworth to the same. I sailed last Friday from The *Constant* Portsmouth, and arrived here last night. The boatswain of the Warwick, yard ordered me alongside the *St. David*, which was done, but, a Woolwich. gust of wind coming, the chain broke, and, fearing we should be both ashore, he ordered me to get two hawsers and warp alongside the hulk; but in warping, the tide being very strong, my ship fell thwart the *St. David's* hawse, and her bowsprit carried away my mizen mast by the board, but without other damage. I desire your orders whether to unrig here or elsewhere. [*Ibid.* No. 117.]
- Oct. 25. Jonas Shish and others to the same. Reporting on the weight of six barrels of tar of Mr. Hill and Mr. Cutler, and on the quality of the latter. [*1½ page. Ibid.* No. 118.]
- Oct. 25. Roger Howen to the same. Desiring to be recommended for Robert Maddocks' place, now void. [*Ibid.* No. 119.]
- Oct. 25. Captain Richard Le Neve, of the *Phœnix*, to Samuel Pepys. Requesting him to get the tickets of the seamen that came to him from the *Reserve* cast up and signed and sent down again. [*Ibid.* No. 120.]
- Oct. 25. Order in Council, on the petition of Sir Hans Hamilton, Henry Whitehall. Loftus, James Wahope, Mary Trayle, and John Trayle, for a King's

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letter to be prepared to the Lord Lieutenant, authorising the passing of letters patent to them, according to the copies in the Auditors' Office of the certificates of the Court of Claims, the original certificates having been lost. [2½ pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 219.]

Oct. 25.
Lisburn.

Sir G. Rawdon to Viscount Conway. Concerning his wife's dangerous illness, and beseeching him to impart the enclosed to Dr. Stubbs for his opinion. [*Conway Papers. Ibid.* No. 220.]

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Whitehall.

News-letter to Mr. Saunders, Scarborough. They write from the Hague that the prohibition of French wines was gone so far that it would be probably finished in eight days, especially since Gueldres and Zealand now seemed inclinable to it, so that the merchants apprehended there would soon be a general arrest of all the Dutch ships in France. Monsieur Verjus was very busy in his master's behalf, to reconcile the citizens of Cologne to the Elector, and would have them discharge the States' forces, and leave off all correspondence with them, which they seem very unwilling to do, not knowing where to find any others so much concerned for their interest. The 22nd the English, Irish, and Scotch forces in France were reviewed by the King at St. Germain's, 1,500 men with their officers. The French Ambassador at Venice is preparing to return, much dissatisfied at their not allowing forces to be raised for his master in their territories. At Brussels news has come from Vienna that the Emperor had declared to Monsr. Gremonville that he should not grant him an audience till he had performed the promises made to Count Windischgratz, his Ambassador, for the restitution of Lorraine. His Majesty returned to Whitehall on the 20th. The *African* pink arrived at Leghorn on the 9th, in nine days from Tunis, whence two barks went out in corso. The Algerine laid up there had been out and taken a Trapanese from Palermo to Spain with 92 men, among them two knights of Spain with their wives. The Tunisians are not yet inclined to make peace with the French. Four of our frigates were said to be before Algiers, and as boats with flags of truce passed daily between them and the town, it was conceived they might quickly conclude a peace. Last spring tides the *Victory*, *Dunkirk*, and *Antelope* were launched from the docks at Chatham, repaired so as to be as good as new, and the *Rainbow*, *Lion*, and *Henrietta* are taken in in their place. Three guardships are fixing in those parts, though the ships there seem sufficiently secured by the many forts now erected. The missing ship from Hudson's Bay was on the 20th safe at Plymouth, where the *Rupert* went with such merchantmen as were ready, intending to meet Sir John Chicheley in the Offals. The *Constant Warwick*, *Phoenix*, and *Emsworth* sailed from Portsmouth for the Downs. Letters from Cologne say that the Bishop of Münster was sent to the Elector of Cologne from the Emperor, to tell him of the number of French forces lately received into those parts, and to warn him not on any pretence whatever to entertain any more of them, and that the bishop had conferred with the Bishop of Strasburg and the deputies of Mentz, Trier, and the

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Elector of Saxony concerning that affair. The Elector of Bavaria, of whom the Emperor was jealous, now declares that he will give no assistance to the Elector of Cologne, being diverted by the insinuation of a marriage between the King of Spain and his daughter, in effecting which he knows the Emperor must be chiefly made use of. Dutch letters say they daily expect the final order for prohibiting French wines, Utrecht and Zealand having already agreed to it. By the exactest inquiry 'tis found that only 500 false guineas were coined of copper gilt, of which 300 were taken with the Dutchman at Mr. Dives' house, and 28, which Mr. Dives carried with him, each worth 13*d*. On the 25th Sir Robert Southwell received his instructions as Envoy Extraordinary to Flanders, and will go in a few days. The Earl of Sunderland may stay till the Spanish Ambassador comes here. They write from Lynn that the waters that overflowed the banks are much abated by the sluices, but that the ground is thought to be spoiled for some years. A French merchantman says that the French fleet in the Straits was returned to Brest. The Bishop of Cologne has so posted his men that the town apprehends being suddenly besieged; 2,000 horse are said to be coming to him out of Lorraine. All the ministers of the French party in Cologne give out that unless Colonel Bampfild's regiment be removed from the city, it will become the seat of war, but the States and their friends heed it little. Monsr. Charvilly goes on the French King's behalf towards Cologne to command the Elector's forces and assure him of his Majesty's further assistance. The French King is still intent on his levies, and resolves to have an army of 110,000, divided into three bodies, one of 30,000, and the others each of 40,000, which, though a vast number, will be much outdone by the others, if it be true that the Count de Monterey will have 60,000, the Dutch 80,000, and the Emperor, with the German princes, as many. He is also raising 50 millions for the discharge of the war. Besides the commissions given for land officers, he has nominated 60 for sea service. 'Tis proclaimed by sound of trumpet at Bordeaux that the Spanish Netherlands, Swedes, and Danes shall be excused the 50 sols per tun, but not the Dutch. [3½ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, *No.* 171.]

Oct. 26. Sir John Nicholas to Williamson. Asking him to remind Lord Arlington of the state of his case, and mentioning arguments to persuade the doctor to desist. [*Ibid.* *No.* 172.]

Oct. 26. Notice from the Clothworkers to meet at Great Allhallows Church in Thames Street at 8 a.m. next Monday, and with the rest of the Company to attend the Lord Mayor in the barge to Westminster, and invitation to dine with them in hall. [*Printed paper.* *Ibid.* *No.* 173.]

Oct. 26. John Man to Williamson. Last week, on the other side of the Swansea. Swansea river, a labouring man and his wife left their three small children locked up in their cottage. When they returned it was burnt, with the children, to ashes. A ketch of Waterford, with horses and barrel-staves for Bridgwater, ran ashore within the bar

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of Neath, and the goods were landed, but the men forsook her, expecting her to break up every hour, but the next tide she came without help directly into the harbour, and lies safe there. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 174.]

Oct. 26.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. Acknowledging with thanks the news-letter sent, and the promise that they would be sent as often as he wrote. Shipping news. On Tuesday, out of a packet-boat from Holland, arrived here Sir William Pen[n]'s eldest son, the great opinionist; he went presently and associated himself with the Quakers of this town. [*Ibid.* No. 175.]

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Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Mr. Battyson, who we feared was taken by an Argeer pirate, arrived this morning in the Downs. His ship is much torn, also her rigging in pieces, and she has spent her foretopmast. He lost the Turk in the night, and resolved that if next morning they had boarded, he had blown up his deck. The very first broadside received, several of his cartridges were fired, and eight of his men wounded. The last time the Turks boarded him, six men which got the roundhouse were left on board, which immediately took the tops, cutting the rigging and doing what spoil they could. Next morning, before they could take these six Turks, they killed the boatswain, and another was wounded. In all three were killed and fifteen wounded, and the captain also himself; notwithstanding, he would not go from the deck, but much encouraged his men. Two of the six Turks were killed before they would be taken. One of Mr. Battyson's men is brought on shore here much burnt. The Turks say their ship had 40 guns and above 300 men. At noon she sailed for the Thames. [*Ibid.* No. 176.]

Oct. 26.
Whitehall.

The King to the Dean and Chapter of St. George's Chapel, Windsor. Bestowing upon Capt. Thos. Beck, a sufferer for the late King, and statutably qualified, the poor knight's place of Windsor, vacant by death of Col. Hastings, and requiring them to instal him into the same. Noted as the copy of a commission or patent sent by Sir Henry de Vic to be signed by his Majesty for Capt. Beck's admission. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 36, p. 44.]

Oct. 26.
Portsmouth.

Captain Anthony Deane to the Navy Commissioners. Reporting favourably on Mr. Couzens' timber, complaining that owing to Mr. Eastwood's delays the timber from the New Forest will not now come till next spring, or even till May, and inquiring whether the *Nonsuch* is to be docked when the *Yarmouth* is launched, which he hopes will be the next spring, and stating that he will contract for broom. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 121.]

Oct. 26.
Portsmouth.

The same to Thomas Heatter (Hayter). The sail needles, pitch ladles, and hatchets are a mistake, and can be had here; but the lead, which is much wanted, must come from thence. Nails of several sorts are wanted. [*Ibid.* No. 122.]

Oct. 26.
Deptford.

Thomas Turner and W. Fownes to the Navy Commissioners. Reporting that in the night of the 10th or 11th three firkins of thimbles or nails were stolen out of the storehouse by the three

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watchmen, who afterwards fled, but one has ventured to come back because some 5*l.* were due to him, and asking how they shall dispose of him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 123.]

Oct. 26. The same to the same. Sending up samples of hollands and
Deptford. Suffolk cloth lately received. [*Ibid.* No. 124.]

Oct. 26. Phineas Pett to the same. I have set men to work on the *Lyon*
Chatham Dock. and *Henrietta*, which will require a full repair, as to which your directions are desired. Compass timber is required for the *Lyon*, and treenails for both, none being in store. If there is no delay for materials, and the workmen have encouragement, and are not so grossly abused as they frequently are by Commissioner Cox, to their great discouragement, they may be completed, in my opinion, by the latter end of March. [*Ibid.* No. 125.]

Oct. 26. Captain Courtenay to the same. Announcing his arrival in the
The *Garland*. river, and hoping to be at Deptford next tide. [*Ibid.* No. 126.]

Oct. 26. Sir Denis Gauden, Sir T. Littleton, Josiah Child, and B. Gauden
Victualling to the same. Desiring a declaration of the victuals required for
Office. the ensuing year, which ought, according to contract, to have been declared the 15th instant, and one-third of the money paid within ten days. [*Ibid.* No. 127.]

Oct. 27. Dr. Thomas Vyner to Williamson. I would most gladly comply
Windsor. with your invitation to the City custard, but the statutes confine me here till Tuesday. Pray be kind to Mr. Bubb, and let him be instructed how to address himself to his Majesty, lest he should ask his worship how his wife does. I am sorry I heard not of your want sooner. Dr. Fielding has a useless scarlet gown at Gloucester, but it is too late to send for it. The fur you mention may be had of a dear friend of the gentleman whose gown I commend; I mean his fox friend, the parson of St. Nicholas in Gloucester. But I doubt you would not like it, because that fox has been in the late wars, and some blood may stick to it. It was somewhat like the fox for Fielding and Price to go to the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford to get credit at Court by his letters. That beast preys far from home, and the gentlemen sure would not have gone so far afield if they thought they had deserved well of their neighbours. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 177.]

Oct. 27. [Philip Lanyon to James Hickes.] List of ships arrived. The
Plymouth. *Rupert* and *Fountain*, that left the 17th, returned with some of their convoys. [*Ibid.* No. 178.]

Oct. 27. The King to the Treasury Commissioners. Directing them to cause a grant in reversion to pass to ——— Kirke, of a land waiter's place in London. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, f. 80.]

Oct. 27. Order to Sir Thomas Chicheley not to admit people in future to see the stores and magazine at the Tower in the ordinary and common manner hitherto practised, as the great number of persons resorting thither at festivals may lead to ill consequences. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 35A, f. 30.]

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Oct. 27. Similar order to Sir Gilbert Talbot concerning the Crown and other regalia. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35A, f. 30.*]

Draft and minute of the last two orders. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 179.*]

Oct. 27. Warrant to the Earl of Carbery, Lord President of the Council of Wales and the Marches, to admit Sir Sackville Crow, Bart., to the execution of his office as secretary to the said Council, and to deliver to him the seal of the said office. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 47.*]

Oct. 27. Reference to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury of the petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of St. Albans, desiring a grant of the lodgings, ruins, and grounds formerly used for the stables, to build a church for the minister, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 37, p. 7.*]

Oct. 27. Reference to the same of Edmund Royden's petition, desiring the place of keeper of the stables at St. Albans, with the ground granted therewith. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 27. Warrant for a charter translating Robert, Bishop of Dunblane, to the Archbishopric of Glasgow, vacant by the demission of Alexander, the late Archbishop, there being no Dean and Chapter there to whom a *congé d'élire* might be directed. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 279.*]

Oct. 27. Warrant for a letter to the Archbishop of St. Andrews to translate Robert, late Bishop of Dunblane, and instal him Archbishop of Glasgow. [*Ibid. p. 286.*]

Oct. 27. Warrant for a patent creating John Scott of Ancrum a baronet of Scotland. [*Ibid. p. 287.*]

Oct. 27. Memorial of a protection in the ordinary form to David Ross of Whitehall. Balnagown for three years. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 27. Captain Thomas Willshaw to the Navy Commissioners. As he has been ordered to the Straits, desiring a supply of victuals, as 52 days' of his sea provisions have already been expended, and those ordered him at the Buoy of the Nore were never received. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 128.*]

Oct. 27. Captain John Hart to the same. By Sir John Chicheley's orders I weighed from the Downs the 13th, and receiving further orders from him to take the ships here under my convoy and proceed on my voyage, I sailed the 17th with the *Fountain* and 21 merchantmen. But we had not got 70 leagues ere the wind took us short with such tempestuous weather that our fleet was separated, some bearing up within 24 hours, the rest beating to windward with me, in hopes of the weather abating. But at last some of the bigger bearing away, we thought it convenient to bear up with them, both for their present preservation and future safety. The *Cadiz* merchant received much damage, which, knowing she was a ship of

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very considerable value, was our first inducement for bearing up for England. Though we could have well endured the sea, yet we shipped much water by the extremity of the weather, and our ship wrought so much that our hearth and furnaces are dropping down, which I am forced to mend on my own credit, and crave that the bill may be satisfied. This morning I sent to the victualler's agent to be supplied with a month's provisions for 400 men for the *Rupert*, and for 46 for the *Fountain*, which were ordered for us at the Buoy of the Nore, could we have stayed for them. The stores, however, are very bare, and the agent says for want of money he is put to very great straits, yet on my pressing he assured me of a supply in three days. I therefore beg that order be given forthwith to the victualler to supply him with moneys to answer the same. I doubt not but we shall be ready to sail with the first fair wind. We got in late last night, leaving in the Channel the ships in our company, and to-day being thick, with little wind, only four or five are yet in. The *Fountain* is very leaky, chiefly from bad caulking. I have written to Falmouth to order any ships put in there to repair hither, and also any others that are bound southward. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 129.]

Oct. 27.
Plymouth.

Captain Robert Stout to the same. The 14th we sailed from the Downs with Sir John Chicheley and five merchantmen in convoy. Off Dover he ordered me to Plymouth to call out the *Rupert* and the merchantmen there to meet him off the Sound. On Sunday night we lay by off the Start, it blowing hard and dirty weather, and got into Plymouth Monday morning, where we found the *Rupert* and 21 merchantmen. We sprang a leak lying by, and it was nigh night before we could staunch it. Sir John not appearing, we sailed the next morning with the *Rupert*. [Then follows an account of the voyage, to the same effect as the last.] Our pumps being bad, would not work. I have ordered a pumpmaker to see what can be done with them. [*Ibid.* No. 130.]

Oct. 27.
The *Constant*
Warwick.

Captain John Waterworth to Thomas Hayter or William Hewer. Asking that twenty blank tickets be delivered to the bearer. [*Ibid.* No. 131.]

Oct. 28.
Whitehall.

News-letter to William Scawen. [The first part is identical with the last news-letter.] It is intended by the Lord Mayor, &c., that Monday next, the day for the Lord Mayor to be sworn and to enter on his office, should be kept with all the gallantry possible. They sent some of their officers on Tuesday to invite several gentlemen at Court, on Wednesday the Sheriffs attended the Council with an invitation, and on Thursday they waited on his Majesty and Royal Highness and obtained the promise of their presence, and they have likewise given particular invitations to all the Ambassadors and Public Ministers residing here. The Earl of Sunderland has received particular orders from the King to make all the haste he can to go to Spain, and for greater despatch he is not to go by sea, but post by land. The Earl of Winchester, 'tis thought, will be appointed again Ambassador to Constantinople. The *Swallow* is returned safe. The

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Dutch convoy went into Leghorn on the 11th, two men-of-war without any merchantmen from Smyrna, where their Consul and merchants were at great difference, so that they clapped up most of them in prison, and would have them sent home in the ships, but the captain would not receive them except with their consent. Monsr. Gremonville has very much pressed for the Emperor's answer to what he had delivered on his master's behalf, viz., what he would do in case his master attacked one of the Triple Alliance, but could get nothing more than that he would then take his own measures, and that he was not to expect any further satisfaction till his master had performed his promises for the restitution of Lorraine. The French King has granted one year more for adjusting the limits between France and Spain. [3 $\frac{3}{4}$ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 180.]

Oct. 28.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Last high winds blew several Dutch into the Downs, among them two of their men-of-war, whose confidence was so great as to come in with their pendants flying, which Captain Willshire, commander of the *Francis*, perceiving, sent to them to take them down, and that if they refused he would come and fire them. After some small time they took them down, and so continued whilst in the Downs. I had this report of the Dutch sauciness from Captain Willshire to-day. [*Original and copy. Ibid. Nos.* 181, 182.]

Oct. 28.
Dover.

John Carlile to Williamson. It is my duty to acquaint you with to-day's transactions and the rude carriages of 200 or 300 men, headed by the Mayor, who caused the horn to be blown, charging all freemen to appear at the Guildhall at two p.m., who did so in a tumultuous or rather rebellious manner, to alter the constitution of this corporation contrary to the laws and charters. The Mayor, who is no great politician, is guided by a party, some Quakers, many Anabaptists, and most of them Nonconformists and excommunicated persons. It looked like the face of rebellion as it began in '42. One of the ringleaders was one that surprised Dover Castle in that year, and several of them have been in actual arms against the King. If the Governor had not been here, very probably there would have been bloodshed, but he with his company kept them from doing any harm, though he was sufficiently abused by them. None of the magistrates joined the Mayor, but told him it would be taken as an act of rebellion. [*Ibid. No.* 183.]

Oct. 28.
Weymouth.

Nathaniel Osborne to James Hickes. Undertaking to transmit news in place of Mr. Pocock. The Dutch ship in Portland Roads is now said to be for the East Indies, not the Straits. She has only 26 guns mounted, though some are said to be in the hold. It is said the soldiers are to serve seven and the seamen five years in the East Indies. Some who have been on board say there are not more than 150 soldiers, and those pitiful shabby fellows. The captain says four or five more from Holland are to join him where he is going, to do the French a displeasure on the first notice of war; but not all he says is to be credited. Three of the soldiers sent to Portland for water got to Week and deserted, and it is said all the others would

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do the same, had they opportunity. With note from Hickes to Williamson, asking him if he accepts Osborne's offer to have the written news sent him every Saturday. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 184.*]

[Before
Oct. 28.]

Sir Richard Ford, Lord Mayor, to the King. Petition praying for such a largesse as may enable him to end the life spent in his service without contempt in the city, having spared no pains in behalf of the Crown, and lost 6,000*l.* by the tin farm in his endeavours to serve his Majesty, and having been disappointed in the late farm of the Customs, which is disposed of to others, though he greatly improved it. He was assisted by his Majesty in the expense of serving as sheriff, and encouraged in his present mayoralty, wherein he has not saved honourable expense, and has kept the government tranquil. [*Ibid. No. 185.*]

Oct. 28.
Portsmouth.

Walter Slingsby to Commissioner Tippetts. Stating that a Dutch East Indiaman having been driven into Portland by a storm, and having sustained much damage in her masts and yards, had been supplied by Mr. Newland with everything but a foreyard, and that having advised with the chief officers of the yard, he had let Mr. Newland have one, taking his bond for 100*l.* for bringing into store before 1 February next a sound yard of the same dimensions, and asking pardon if he has done wrong. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 132.*]

Oct. 28.
Gravesend.

Phineas Pett to Col. Thomas Middleton. Touching some allowance expected by the bearer, Edward Webb, for his care of one of the King's anchors. Noted, that no reward was thought due to him, he having kept it four years without offering it to the King till it was discovered by Pett. [*Ibid. No. 133.*]

Oct. 28.
Whitehall.

The King to John Bysshe, Chief Baron, and the rest of the Barons of the Exchequer in Ireland. Wentworth, Earl of Roscommon, having, by his petition, stated that the part of his estate that is in Westmeath, was, by mistake in the late survey, returned the property of James, Earl of Roscommon, an Irish Papist, and as such was charged with payment of the year's value, and that process is now issued out for levying the same, notwithstanding that the said Wentworth is a Protestant, as were his father and grandfather, requiring them to examine these allegations, and, if true, to give the requisite order for discharging the said lands. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 205.*]

Oct. 29.
Plymouth.

Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. The *Rupert*, with most of her convoy, returned with contrary winds and foul weather. News of two shipwrecks mentioned in Holden's letter of the 25th. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 186.*]

Oct. 29.
Barnstaple.

William Wakeman to James Hickes. Shipping news. [*Ibid. No. 187.*]

Oct. 29.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. No news. [*Ibid. No. 188.*]

Oct. 29.
Dover Castle.

Colonel John Strode to Williamson. Concerning the disturbance by the Mayor and freemen, and referring him for details to his letter to Mr. Wren. [*Ibid. No. 189.*]

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Oct. 29. Captain Thomas Eliot to the Navy Commissioners. Asking
 Portsmouth. whether eight or ten of his crew, who are sick on shore, shall be discharged or not, and, in the former case, that tickets for them may be sent. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 134.]

Oct. 30. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. The *Speedwell* was cast away
 Truro. at Pengersicke, near the Lizard. The rude country people plundered her of all that was between decks to a very great value, but this being noised abroad, Sir William Godolphin, Hugh Boscawen, and John St. Aubyn came to the wreck, and by their care preserved all or most of the goods in the hold from the violence of the country people, and have taken care for the goods ever since to be landed with all speed, and the greatest part is now landed. Account of the wreck of the *Prosperous*, a Newfoundlander, in Mount's Bay. Two of the men who got ashore have since died of their injuries. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 190.]

Oct. 30. John Pocock to James Hickes. A Dutch fleet of about thirty,
 Portsmouth. convoyed by six men-of-war, sailed this morning from Cowes Road for the Straits. Mr. Osborne will give you constant returns from Weymouth. I hope to have Mr. Williamson's letter. With a note from Hickes to Williamson, asking that the written news be sent to Pocock. [*Ibid.* No. 191.]

Oct. 30. Sir Robert Carr to Williamson. I did not send you any birds, as my wife assured me you never eat any, and my niece, your particular friend, vouched it. She has reckoned how many days you forbore to answer hers, and reckons she has till Saturday next to answer yours. As to the Boston business, the Treasury granted it me, and it was entered in their books, and the Farmers covenant for what should be done further they would not oppose or demand any defalcation, for it does not prejudice the King a shilling. I was forced the other day to go and assist the Chimney men, who are also Excise men, and am sure I take many a troublesome journey to save them trouble and charge. I wish I could come to London, but my affairs will not allow it. [*Ibid.* No. 192.]

Oct. 30. Mary Drury to Williamson. Replying to his letter acknowledg-
 Thetford. ing the entertainments received from her father, and on her part thanking him for the honours and civilities received from him at Newmarket. [*Ibid.* No. 193.]

[Oct. ?] Jeremiah Nelson, rector of Ellesdon, in Northumberland, to the King. Petition, praying on account of his age and infirmities a dispensation for non-residence, in order to take means for the recovery of his health. *At the side,*

Oct. 30. *Reference thereof to the Bishop of Durham. On the back,*
Certificate by him in favour of granting the dispensation.
 [1½ page. *Ibid.* No. 194.]

[Oct. ?] Butler Buggin, a clerk and attorney in the office of the Remembrancer of the Exchequer, to the King. Petition stating the practice in that office with regard to the delivery up to the obligors

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of bonds given to secure the landing of goods shipped in England or Wales at some English or Welsh port, and that by the fraud of Rawlins and Reynes, under-clerks in the said office, he had been induced to allow a certain bond of the kind, of which the condition had not been fulfilled, to be delivered out of the office, and praying a pardon for the offence he had committed through inadvertency.
At the side,

Oct. 31. *Reference of the petition to the Commissioners of the Treasury. Their report, dated 28 Nov., that they have spoken with the King, who is pleased that the petitioner should have his pardon. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 195.]*

Oct. 30. Affidavit by the said Butler Buggin, verifying certain of the statements in his petition. [*On parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II., Case C.*]

Oct. 31. Another copy of the said reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 37, p. 8.*]

Oct. 30. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I have
Chatham. employed Mr. Eason to inquire what timber, tallow, bricks, lime, &c., may be had in these parts. Lead, lead scuppers, solder, copper plates and nails, tin plates, and some other things may be had here when there is money to pay for them. The notice of your coming to pay a quarter's pay was very seasonable, for the workmen of the yard last Friday were very impatient for their quarter's wages, and urge the promise you made them. I acquainted them to-day, you would be here suddenly, which has somewhat satisfied them. I shall observe your directions about the full repair to the *Henrietta* and the other ships to be docked. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 135.*]

Oct. 30. Phineas Pett to the same. We have proceeded to strip the *Lyon*
Chatham Dock. and *Henrietta* of their outboard planks, keeping them as whole as we can for the planking of the ropehouse and other uses. We are obliged to take down all their standing cabins, with the ceilings of their great cabins, coaches, and roundhouse, which I have strictly charged should be done with all care, that they may serve again, as being seasoned stuff, they would be much better than new, and therefore while the ships were stripping, and those joinery works secured, I stopped the workmen carrying out of the yard anything that came off those ships, only allowing them lawful hewed chips that fell from the axe. This morning, finding his Majesty very much abused by a rude multitude of women and others coming into the yard (being chip day), several of whom I took carrying away good planks split into chips, and others of whom the porter took throwing their burdens over the quay at low water, I stopped their proceedings, and acquainted the Commissioner with the great prejudice caused thereby to his Majesty, and the great temptation it would be to the workmen to split what might otherwise be taken off whole, into chips, on purpose for them to carry away, many being their wives, aunts (hostesses?), and acquaintance, and that, since I knew the yard, it was never customary for those chip gatherers to carry anything out of the yard but lawful chips, and that if these people

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were countenanced in it they would in a short time carry those two ships out of the yard in their laps. I am confirmed in my belief, unless your Honours put a speedy stop to it, the Commissioner having given them toleration, since which they are grown to such a height that many of them go on board (and some on shore) and split and break the joinery work, which might serve again, in pieces, as it is pulled off by the workmen, in a most shameful manner, and carry it away, saying that they have power for what they do from the Commissioner. Being an eye-witness to these great abuses, and knowing the great charge caused by those people being tolerated, I could do no less than lay it before your Honours. [1½ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 136.]

Oct. 30. Captain William Colman to Thomas Hayter. Asking him to
Wapping. deliver twenty blank tickets to the bearer, his purser. [*Ibid.*
No. 137.]

Oct. 30. Commissioner Cox to the master shipwright at Chatham. War-
rant for an account of the men's names who worked extra time in
shutting the gates and preparing the docks when the *Rainbow*,
Henrietta, and *Lyon* were docked, and of the time they worked,
and of what they may deserve for their extra time. [*Ibid.* No. 138.]

Oct. 31. William Harris, junior, to his father or mother at Lanert Hill.
Stating that he will be at Gloucester next Wednesday, and asking
that two horses and 50s. to pay the coachman be sent there, other-
wise he must stay there till payment be made, as he has had much
expense for maintenance in his sickness, and paying solicitors' and
counsels' fees. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 196.]

Oct. 31. ——— Vernon to Williamson. Sir Robert [Southwell] arrived
Canterbury. here safe, with Mr. Deering, Mr. Coxe, and Mr. Knatchbull. A
mile and a half out of Sittingbourne the staybreast iron broke, and
after it the standers and one of the wings of the coach. They over-
turned, but not of the side Sir Robert was on, and without any
hurt to the rest. An empty coach with six horses for Dover hap-
pened to be before us, which Sir Robert's man overtook and brought
back, and everything was shifted into it. [*Ibid.* No. 197.]

Oct. 31. Philip Lanyon to James Hicke. The *Rupert* and *Fountain*
Plymouth. frigates sailed this morning for the Straits. [*Ibid.* No. 198.]

Oct. 31. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of
Portsmouth. news. [*Ibid.* No. 199.]

Oct. 31. The King to the Master and Fellows of Trinity College, Cam-
Whitehall. bridge. Directing them to elect forthwith Matthew Babington, B.A.,
Westminster Scholar of the college, as Fellow of the college, to
come into the next vacant fellowship after such as are already elected
are provided for, in consideration of the eminent loyalty of his
father Matthew, late of Leicestershire, both to the hazard of his
life and the impairing of his estate, inasmuch as by reason of the
supernumerary Fellows chosen at the last election, there could not
be an election of Fellows in his time. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27,
f. 169.]

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Whitehall.

The King to the Master and Fellows of Christ's College, Cambridge. Renewing in favour of Thomas Burnett, M.A., Fellow of the college, a licence to travel abroad for three years for his health, and dispensing in his favour with any statute or custom of the college to the contrary, his health not having recovered during his former absence for two years, granted 26 January 1664-5. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 169.*]

Oct. 31.
Whitehall.

Confirmation of a lease made by John Bedle, rector of St. Bennet's Sherhog, London, with approval of Humphrey, Bishop of London, of the glebe on which the rector's house formerly stood, all parsons and vicars being empowered, by the additional Act for rebuilding the city, to let leases for 40 years, with the approbation of the patron and ordinary. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 48.*]

Oct. 31.
Whitehall.

The King to George, Duke of Buckingham, Master of the Horse. And, Snape, serjeant farrier, receives a penny a day for each horse and nag, and was able to carry on the service, notwithstanding the dearness of iron and coal, because of the nags; but they being taken away since the retrenchment of the stables, he cannot serve without increase of allowance to $1\frac{1}{4}d.$ each horse per day, which is granted him from 1 April 1669, for better enabling him to the service of shoeing. [*Ibid. p. 49.*]

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Grant of denization to Jacob Wartlae. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 140.*]

Oct. 31.

Captain John Tinker and Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. Report on the condition of the mast of the *Henrietta* yacht. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 300, No. 139.*]

Oct. 31.
Portsmouth
sloop,
Portsmouth.

Captain Edward Pearce to the same. Asking some tickets in order to discharge three of his men, who are unfit for duty from illness. [*Ibid. No. 140.*]

Oct. 31.
Harwich.

Captain Silas Taylor to the same. I shall not take down any of the spauls but such as are rotten and likely to fall. The pitch-house must be taken down. [*Ibid. No. 141.*]

Oct. 31.
The *Rupert*,
Plymouth
Sound.

Captain John Hart to the same. We shall have all our month's provision this morning, and the wind being fair, we are ready to sail with the ships under our convoy, about sixteen sail, some of great value. [*Ibid. No. 142.*]

Oct. 31.
Plymouth.

John Lanyon to the same. Stating that he had supplied the *Fountain* for caulking to the value of $3l. 6s. 8d.$, of which he prays payment. [*Ibid. No. 143.*]

Oct. 31.
Dublin.

Sir Ellis Leighton to Williamson. My lord having proposed the matter to the Council, all incline to defer Cooper's examination till we hear from you. They propose to send him prisoner to London, but desire to hear from you first. It is suspected that, if he be shrewdly put to it, and find that sufficient can be proved to make him guilty, he is able to discover some of a better condition and more dangerous to the Government. His books and papers are all

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sealed up, but we imagine there may be little there, but such ordinary books and ballads as he trades in. [2 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 221.]

Oct.

The Earl of Thomond to the Duke of Richmond. Being denied the loan of your coach, I will forbear in future troubling you with unreasonable requests, but am glad to have hinted you an opportunity of spending your Sabbath on the Duke of York. Lord Townshend expected you to have gone with him in his coach. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 200.]

Oct.
The *Mary*
yacht, Dublin.

Captain Francis Sharland to the same. Coming from Holyhead to Dublin the 1st of this instant October, in very tempestuous weather, at the chops of Dublin Bay, by an unexpected violent gale off shore, we had to let fall our best bower anchor, or else had been blown out to sea. Soon afterwards our cable broke like wood, so the anchor is in danger of being lost unless it can be recovered by sweeping. I have a half-worn cable that may serve awhile, and the Lord Lieutenant and Council have ordered me 20*l.* to buy an anchor and some other necessaries. I desire that a cable with some cordage and colours be sent by the next ship from London. I beseech you to speak to Sir Denis Gauden to pay the 204*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* now due three years for provisions, and most of it owing here; my creditors are petitioning to have the benefit of the law. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 300, No. 144.]

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Account of how the sixth-rates are to be employed next year. [*Ibid.* No. 145.]

Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson, of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the wind, &c.

Vol. 293. No.	Date.	King's.	Outward.	Inward.	Wind.	REMARKS.
201	Oct. 6	4	8	0	N.E.	The rest of the fleet sailed this morning, and now the East India ships have sailed.
202	" 7	4	6	0	E.	
203	" 8	4	7	0	W.	
204	" 13	4	0	2	N.	
205	" 14	1	4	0	N.	These sailed through and did not anchor. The <i>Dreadnought</i> and <i>Fountain</i> sailed this morning.
206	" 19	1	0	1	S.	
207	" 20	1	—	—	S.	About thirteen foreign ships are forced in by a contrary wind.
208	" 22	4	0	3	W.N.W.	
209	" 27	2	3	6	S.	
210	" 28	2	4	3	S.	
211	" 30	2	3	0	N.W.	The packets are delivered to the master of the <i>Susan</i> and <i>Mary</i> for Cadiz.
212	" 31	2	3	1	N.E.	

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- Nov. 1. Sir Robert Southwell to Williamson. We arrived here safe, notwithstanding the disaster to our coach, and shall sail in the packet boat after midnight. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 213.]
Dover.
- Nov. 1. George Seignior to Williamson. I have not waited on you since the Court came to town, lest I should be troublesome, but now remind you that to-morrow is the day of an annual meeting of the Governors of the Charterhouse, being assured that you will manage the affair for me to advantage, nor let anything be predetermined which may forestall his Majesty's favour to me, though I have enemies both great and good. Should another letter be procured, I suggest his Majesty should name himself as Founder. I am just going to do the last office to the dying man, whose consent I have in this whole affair. Last night I left him so bad, that we fear this morning's communion will prove his *viaticum*. It may be with his blessing a portion of his spirit may rest. *Postscript*.—Sending a small dutiful acknowledgment. [*Ibid.* No. 214.]
Buckingham House.
- Nov. 1. Thomas Holden to Williamson. The *Fidelity* from the Canaries reports that they have made a good vintage this year. The *James* from New York says that that place is in a thriving condition. Other shipping news. [*Ibid.* No. 215.]
Falmouth.
- Nov. 1. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. (News identical with the last.)
Falmouth. [*Ibid.* No. 216.]
- Nov. 1. Richard Watts to Williamson. The report both in Holland and Flanders is that the Dutch are making all warlike preparations both by sea and land, and commonly report that the English shall fight them by sea, and the French by land. [*Ibid.* No. 217.]
Deal.
- Nov. 1. Caveat in favour of Mr. Titus for Royden, that nothing pass concerning the place or ground of the stables and clerk of the same at St. Albans. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, p. 12.]
- Nov. 1. Privy seal for 50*l.* as the King's accustomed bounty to the poor of St. Margaret's, Westminster. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 119.]
Docquets thereof, dated November and 22 Jan. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, Nos. 148 and 174.]
- Nov. 1. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. Having received a warrant for plating all ships' breadrooms before they go to sea, as almost all the ships here are to be done, I suggest that it will be necessary for Mr. Staines to go on with those works, if they are to go to sea next summer, and also that if the breadrooms were twice primed as soon as plated, it would preserve the plates from rust, and be no prejudice to the bread. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 301, No. 1.]
Chatham Dock.
- Nov. 1. Pass to Richard, eldest son of Charles Maitland of Halton, going into foreign countries. [*Latin. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 1, p. 287.]
Whitehall.
- Nov. 1. Sir Ellis Leighton to Williamson. My lord this morning received his Majesty's letter concerning Sir Daniel Bellingham. On Friday, the next Council day, my lord will communicate it to them.
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He has sent for the Attorney and Solicitor General to dine with him to-day, and will confer with them for what concerns their part. [1½ page. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 222.*]

Nov. 1.
Lisburn.

Sir G. Rawdon to Viscount Conway. Giving a better account of his wife, who he hopes is recovering, and acknowledging his lordship's care and kindness to his son Arthur, whom he leaves to his guidance, thinking Geneva a good and well-governed place, and no danger there of Papistry, and sending an abstract of Lord Arthur Chichester's two patents. The now lord has the like, only the fee taken away, and the fishing leased to Lord Massareene. At that time counties were not ascertained. Nothing more is needful to be done at Charlemont, but that Mr. Mildmay go again when pay comes, for most of the tenants are soldiers, and receive the small rents there. Last Saturday there was a notable race from Belfast to Lisburn and back between Lord Donegal's barb, and a horse of William Waring's, but the barb lost, and many bets there was. [2 pages. *Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 223.*]

Nov. 2.
Edinburgh.

R. Dickson to Williamson. I have provided our *Statutes* for you, though they were ill to get, the last of them being out of print, and shall send them by the first ship from this to London. The Council sat on Thursday, but was not very frequent, few of the nobility being as yet come to Edinburgh. There was nothing before it of public concernment, but only a petition by the Stationers against a patent to Andrew Anderson, giving him the whole liberty of printing in Scotland, which went to Mr. Anderson to answer the next Council day, and some private complaints. There is a warrant from his Majesty for Dr. Leighton, late Bishop of Dunblane, to be Archbishop of Glasgow, to whom the King had committed the oversight of the said archbishopric since the removal of the late Archbishop, Dr. Burnet. There is a report to-night that two companies of foot in Glasgow are like to mutiny for want of pay, whereupon the officers here are ordered to repair to-morrow to their command, and their money will be shortly sent after them. I desire you to order some of your servants to write me the news by every post, for which I will give 5*l. per annum.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 218.*]

Nov. 2.

Edward Clarke to Williamson. Begging obsequiously for some employment. [*Latin. Ibid. No. 219.*]

Nov. 2.
Truro.

Hugh Acland to James Hickes. A Bristol vessel from the Barbadoes was cast away at the very point of the Land's End, and only one boy preserved. [*Ibid. No. 220.*]

Nov. 2.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of news. [*Ibid. No. 221.*]

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Notes in Williamson's hand. Gladman to come to the King, but by no means to be known. Ennys and Mere blown on by them in the city, and frustrated in not getting their pardon as they hoped. Met at dinner with Dr. B[utler]. Learned in the new Presbyterian papers (?) Carried in the 5*s.* per head to make himself great with Bucks. Verde (?) Wests (?) Gladman desires to see me

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only. Not a word of Dr. B. or Church meddling, &c. Ennys's recall (?) with Mere to Lord Bucks and Ashley, and disgraced him to Ashley, which made him so plain (?) against him in the Committee. Mere lost in the city. — Conventicles. The greatest part meet again publicly. Parliament prorogued cut off hopes of a legal right. N.B.—Only Ennys' intimate acquaintance are gone into their meeting-houses; Blood's not at all yet. Does not the noise of D[utch] war embolden them? If allowed thus, a desperate danger upon any ill success in the D[utch] war, and great danger of influencing the successes themselves. Young people drawn in by the present and nobody . . . one . . . Ch[urch] fears we are very loose and running into madness, if not brought to some settlement. Now all is unsteady; even the fanatics have no agreement among themselves. By no means to allow this running into conventicles. West a shrewd man. A meeting-house gives the balance to the fanatics and wholly ours. Scandal in the clergy. This meeting-house attempted a month ago to be shut (?). A month (?) appointed. The dilemma; if to give it them they may think you fear, if by force they will be exasperated. The last Lord Mayor spoiled this, in first sending to them to ingratiate himself with fanatics. Hitherto the most important and considerable meeting-houses are not gone in and censure those that have, as West, and those gone in do censure those without. To withdraw them. Leave them to private houses where the ministers are masters, for now the churches are masters and ride the teachers. They say plainly that the King sent to him to distract (?) them and he would not. Not to be tolerated. Because the Parliament coming (?) as in a war (?) they must do, will drive all to extremity. They doing what they do now against law without licence, think it impotency in the government. What then will they do when they have the Dutch on the back? To suffer them not. Experiment. Repeat (?) to the present Lord Mayor to do what the other did, especially being now new in. Let it be his act only, by no means to name it as the King's. The connivance in private families will, if it be said to come from the King, [be said] to be impotency and fear. This to be put in his head, and to take notice that he has understood this was the direction given to his predecessor, and what the King will expect to be observed in the government. Not to take notice now that there is a Dutch war talked of, would argue fear. Query. Whether or not this running into meeting-houses has not been raised by the Dutch agents and partisans here? In Southwark, four or five meeting places gone in. Several of the city. Vincent gone in the last day. Doelittle going. He is necessary, and and West in three weeks. At Bunhill three or four. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 222.]

Nov. 2. Walter Slingsby to Samuel Pepys. Concerning the reproof to him
 Portsmouth. in the Board's letter, which he will file up, that he may know the better how to govern himself in the future. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 301, No. 2.]

Nov. 2. Phineas Pett to Commissioner Cox. Estimating the cost of
 Chatham Dock. repairs of the Duke of Richmond's hoy at 95*l*. [*Ibid.* No. 3.]

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- Nov. 2. Captain Amos Beare and John Daniell. Report, after a survey, of the defects of the *Hampshire*, which are so bad that she cannot be repaired without docking, nor is she fit to cruise or to go to England till winter is over. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 301, No. 4.]
Port Mahon.
- Nov. 3. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Sending list of ships arrived. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 223.]
Plymouth.
- Nov. 3. Dr. Gregory Hascard to Williamson. Acknowledging and thanking him for his letter, and his hearty wishes for his presence at their merry meeting, and sending the *Psalms* from Dr. Child, and undertaking to bring or send the other. [*Ibid.* No. 224.]
Windsor.
- Nov. 3. The King to Sir Jonathan Daws and Sir Robert Clayton, sheriffs of London and Middlesex. Licence to be out of their county from time to time for their private affairs or their health, provided they be not absent both together, or for a long time. [*Ibid.* No. 225, and *S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, f. 80.]
Whitehall.
- Nov. 3. Report of Sir Leoline Jenkins on the point as to whether two prisoners now in Newgate, taken in a boat near Gravesend for exporting wools, should be tried by the sessions for gaol delivery or at a sessions of the Court of Admiralty; stating the arguments on both sides, but deciding in favour of the latter, the prisoners being apprehended not in any county, but far below the bridge nearest the sea, and so within Admiralty jurisdiction, and advising that the proceedings should be by commission of oyer and terminer in the Admiralty, and for misdemeanour, not felony. [*2½ pages. Received the above date, exhibited and referred to the Judges the 17th. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 226.]
- Nov. 3. List of the persons selected for each county, from whom the sheriff for the ensuing year was to be chosen, with the name marked of the one chosen that day, and list of the sheriffs chosen in 1669, 1670, and 1671. [*Ibid.* No. 227.]
- Nov. 3. Sir D. Gauden and Co. to the Navy Commissioners. Expressing their readiness to supply six months' victuals according to the declaration for next year's service, and desiring, if a longer time be expected, to be informed as soon as possible, and also that according to contract they may have money conformable to the provisions, [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 301, No. 5.]
Victualling Office.
- Nov. 3. The Earl of Lauderdale to the free imperial city of Bremen, Concerning their debt to Sir Alexander Hope of Kers, as to which he finds their reply to the King's letter of 10 July unsatisfactory, and asking a categorical answer as to whether they will agree to Hope's offer of accepting 13,000 *thalers* in full discharge of principal and interest, to be paid at London or Amsterdam. [*Latin, S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 1, p. 288.]
Whitehall.
- Nov. 3. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Ordering that Richard Coote, second son of the late Earl of Mountrath, who has for several years served as a volunteer in the Earl of Arran's regiment, be given the command of the next vacant troop or company in the said regiment, in consideration of the services of his father who died soon after the Restoration. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 8, p. 165.]

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Three drafts of the above letter, one dated October. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, Nos. 224, 225, 226.*]

Nov. 4. Nathaniel Osborne to James Hickes. No news. [*S.P. Dom., Weymouth. Car. II. 293, No. 228.*]

Nov. 4. Richard Bower to Williamson. The master of a vessel arrived Yarmouth. last night from Rotterdam, reports (which several letters brought by him confirm) that last Wednesday the prohibition was published against importing French wines, brandies, linen and paper, and that any thereof found in any one's hands the 1st of April next shall be confiscated. They further write that they daily expect the war to break out between the French and them, which will be the next news, and also that the English are to join the French. [*Ibid. No. 229.*]

Nov. 4. The King to the Bassa and people of Tripoli. Asking the restitution of the *John and William* of London, with her goods and lading, taken on the 10th of April last off Cape Spartivento by a Tripoline man-of-war. [*Copy. Ibid. No. 230.*]

Nov. 4. John Sprake to James Hickes. The *Rose* from Rotterdam advises Lyme. there are great preparations there for a war with France. The Emperor will send 70,000 to their assistance, intending themselves to have 80,000 in the field, besides what the Swede, the Dane, and the Spanish Netherlands will assist them with, which are said to be as many more. [*Ibid. No. 231.*]

Nov. 4. Sir Robert Carr to Williamson. My wife yet holds out, but is in expectation every day to fall in pieces. She doubts not of your good wishes, but has too much respect not to enjoin you to pray for her, knowing that must be troublesome to those that do it seldom. My niece speaks for herself in the enclosed. [*Ibid. No. 232.*]

Nov. 4. Notes in Williamson's hand. Mr. Th. Vincent in Hand Alley without Bishopsgate. Dwells in the Spittle. Doelitle. In Mugwell Street he dwells.—In Southwark. Whitaker, Wadsworth, Chester, Nath. Vincent. Jenoway in Redriffe. Gone in. Dr. Anaslow (Annesley) in Sir John Robinson's liberties. What Lord Mayor shall say. That he is going to meet his government and affront to the laws at once. All the last year's meetings forbare. Now he finds them meet again. None met. If they reply, "We have issued the summons to our members and cannot conveniently contradict them now, but we will meet no more after to-morrow," this may suffice. A meeting in a certain hall between Redcross Street and Whitecross Street in Beech Lane. It's gone in. Let Watson be sent for particularly, although not gone in, to cover the intelligence, that they may not suspect our friends. Dwells at Devonshire House. Ford, a silly fellow. Thankful Owen's men about Old Fishstreet Hill. He is gone in. Mr. Brookes about Fishstreet Hill. Their meeting place is fitted. [*Ibid. No. 233.*]

Nov. 4. Warrant to Lord Belasyse, captain of the Gentlemen Pensioners, Whitehall. to admit Edward Alston to the first vacancy. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 50.*]

Nov. 4. Captain Edmond Greene to the Navy Commissioners. Petition, stating that under a warrant to him from the Duke of York for the

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discovery of stores stolen and purloined from the King's ships and stores, hearing that much of the timber for a frigate framing in the New Forest was embezzled by the carpenters and workmen, he went there and found great quantity of the best timber embezzled and sold by such persons under the notion of chips, as will appear by a letter of three of the justices of the said county, and praying reimbursement of the charges he had thereby incurred, amounting to over 30*l*. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 301, No. 6.]

Nov. 4.
Bristol.

Francis Baylie to the same. Advising them that the ketch sailed for Portsmouth with plank that morning, and that he had sent some plank of his own in her to complete her lading, and that the galliot would sail towards the end of next week, and enclosing his instructions to Matthew Bish, the master of the ketch, for the delivery of the timber and the receipt of the freight. [*Ibid.* No. 7.] *Enclosed, The said instructions.* [*Copy.* 1½ page. *Ibid.* No. 71.]

Nov. 4.
Portsmouth.

Commissioner J. Tippetts to the same. I have given the officers directions for drawing up the new demands, and I desire you to direct the payment of the wages, amounting to about 140*l*., the end of next week, of the pressed shipwrights and caulkers that can now be spared, in order that they may be discharged. [*Ibid.* No. 8.]

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Chatham.

Robert Eason. Report on Mr. Mason's and Mr. Helby's timber, and also the prices at which tallow, bricks, and other stores may be had. [*Ibid.* No. 9.]

Nov. 4.
Dublin.

M[ary] Warren to Williamson. Complaining that the Commissioners joined with Lord Ranelagh absolutely refuse to pay her her little pension, saying she is not on the establishment in Lord Ranelagh's hands, though she has her debentures out of the Auditor's Office to be paid as formerly, and though on his Majesty's letters to rectify the mistake of 40 instead of 80, she has been paid 80 as formerly, and beseeching him to acquaint Lord Arlington with her wrongs. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 227.]

Nov. 4.
Dublin.

R. Leigh to Williamson. I have not yet moved in the business of your salary, by Sir Ellis Leighton's advice, who told me that some hard words passed between the Lord Lieutenant, when in England, and you. I have the petition to the Council ready drawn, and will, if you think fit, notwithstanding all this, deliver it. I will send your law books by the first opportunity. [*Ibid.* No. 228.]

Nov. 5.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 293, No. 234.]

Nov. 5.

Warrant to Andrew Newport and Colonel B. Reymes to order the making and providing an embroidered crimson velvet purse for the Great Seal of Ireland, and to deliver the same to Lord Arlington, to be sent to the Archbishop of Dublin, Chancellor of Ireland. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 21, p. 96, and *Entry Book* 34, f. 120.]

Draft thereof, addressed to the Earl of Sandwich, Master of the Great Wardrobe, and therefore before 6 August, when Ralph Montague was appointed in his place. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 229.]

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Nov. 5. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts and Captain Anthony Deane to the Navy Commissioners. Recommending the bearer, Thomas Upjohn, for the place of master joiner there, vacant by the death of Mr. Bulbanke. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 301, No. 10.*]
- Nov. 5. The *Norwich*, in the Hope. Captain Thomas Legatt to the same. Stating what provisions he had on board, and requesting a further supply. [*Ibid. No. 11.*]
- Nov. 6. Alderton, Suffolk. John Brickenden to Williamson. Having heard from Mr. Battie that he was willing to help him to some ecclesiastical preferment, asking him to wait, with his friend, on Lord Arlington, as he is a poor Pembrokian royalist, exiled, as it were, more than twenty years from all relatives into this Eastern English nook. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, No. 235.*]
- Nov. 6. Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. Stating that the shipwrights' works on the *Guernsey*, *French Victory*, *Sweepstakes*, *Quaker* ketch, and *Monmouth* yacht were nearly finished, desiring a warrant for repairing the *Dartmouth*, and suggesting sawing any suitable timber for the new third-rate, if she is to be built in the spring. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 301, No. 12.*]
- Nov. 7. Whitehall. Lord Arlington to the Sheriffs of London. Asking them to remit the fine of 100*l.* due by Richard Filkin, now a prisoner in Newgate, who lately affronted Ambassador Coventry, as he seems pretty sufficiently punished already, and is in no wise able to pay it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 1.*]
- Nov. 7. Warrant for a grant to Wm. Legge, page of honour, of a treasure trove not exceeding 150*l.*, lately found by Wm. Round in his own dwelling house, and to recover and compound for the same. [*Ibid. No. 2.*]
- Nov. 9. Minute thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 120.*]
- Nov. 7. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 3.*]
- Nov. 7. Plymouth. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Enclosing list of ships arrived. [*Ibid. No. 4.*] *Enclosed,*
The said list. [*Ibid. No. 4I.*]
- Nov. 7. Woolwich. William Acworth to the Navy Commissioners. Stating that he had never received into his custody the deals mentioned in the enclosed certificates, and that he does not know that Mr. Byland employed them. Noted that a bill was ordered to be made out for the deals, when Sir Thomas Allin shall have stated the proper price. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 301, No. 13.*] *Enclosed,*
Certificate, dated 12 Aug. 1670, by Francis Courthop, foreman of the joiners at Woolwich, that Mr. Christopher Pett's deals were expended on the St. Andrew by Mr. Byland's order. [*Ibid. No. 13I.*]
*Certificate dated 1 July 1671, by Sir W. Warren, that on 24 October 1667 he sold and delivered to Mr. Christopher Pett 60 deals of the dimensions specified for 9*l.** [*Ibid. No. 13II.*]

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Sir Francis Clerke to the King. Stating his title to the manor and advowson of Leybourne, in Kent, formerly parcel of the possessions of the Abbey of St. Graces, purchased by his predecessor in title from Henry VIII., that at the last avoidance the Crown had claimed to present, and that he is consequently liable to a tedious and chargeable suit to maintain his right, and the church to be void in the meantime, and the parsonage and glebe fences to be destroyed by the poor, as they are in great part already, and therefore praying a grant and confirmation to him of the said advowson. *At foot,*

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Reference thereof to the Attorney or Solicitor General. [S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 5.]

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Another copy of the reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 37, p. 8.*]

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Report by the Solicitor-General that the case is fit for his Majesty's favour. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 6.*]

Nov. 8.
Tedbury.

Return on an inquisition of *ad quod damnum* in the case of a weekly market and three yearly fairs requested to be held at Fairford, co. Gloucester, by Andrew Barker, that the said market and fairs will not be injurious to the King or others. [*Latin. Ibid. No. 7. Annexed.*]

Writ for the above inquisition, dated 22 July 1671. [Latin, 6 pages in all. Copies. Ibid. No. 71.]

[Nov. ?]

John Okell, scrivener to the household, to the King. Petition for a warrant to hold a shop which he has built near the Banqueting House, by permission of Dr. Wren, Surveyor-General, his former shop being taken down for the use of the Ordnance officers. [*Ibid. No. 8.*]

Nov. 8.

Warrant for John Okell, scrivener to the household, to hold without molestation a shop built by him, on the direction of the Surveyor-General, in the corner by the Banqueting House, to be used for his employment. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 120.*]

Draft thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 9.*]

Nov. 8.

Grant to Philip, Viscount Strangford, of a market every other Tuesday at Ashford. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 120.*]

Docquet thereof, dated November. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 147.*]

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Reference of Captain Faisby's petition to the Commissioners of the Treasury. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 37, p. 8.*]

Nov. 8.
Chatham
Dock.

Captains William Rand and John Brooke to the Navy Commissioners. Yesterday we launched the *Rainbow* and docked the hulk, and launched her again that night. To-day we hove the *Katherine* to the dock, but the builder refused to receive her till she was cleared of all her ballast, which we dare not do, as she is a very ticklish ship. According to Commissioner Cox's command, we left in her only the old guns put in for ballast, weighing 45 tons. Since the builder's refusal we have put out some of the guns,

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and intend to bring her to the dock again to-morrow, and we doubt not by that time to have put out at least 26 tons, though we are very fearful of the ship, for then there will be remaining in her about 22 tons of kentledge. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 301, *No.* 14.]

Nov. 8.
Whitehall.

The King to the Treasury Commissioners in Scotland. Warrant for payment to John Graham, of Deuchray, of 100*l.* sterling, and for discharge to him of his few duties for 1671, and for any previous year for which they had not yet been paid, in consideration of his loyalty and sufferings. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 1, *p.* 290.]

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Whitehall.

Memorials of protections in the ordinary form to John Graham of Deuchray, for three years, and to James Logan of Shirefbræ, and Patrick Inglis of Eastbarnes, for two years each. [*Ibid.* *pp.* 291, 292.]

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Whitehall.

Order in Council, made on the petition of Robert Fitzgerald, controller of the musters and cheques of the Army in Ireland, stating that 2,919*l.* which was due to him had been satisfied to him by Sir George Carteret, yet that the Commissioners for taking Carteret's accounts scruple to allow the same, whereby the petitioner is in danger of restoring the said money; and on the report of the Commissioners of the Treasury made upon the reference to them of the said petition, and in favour thereof: that the said sum of 2,919*l.* be allowed to Edward Corker, late deputy to the said Sir G. Carteret, out of the balance of his account payable into the Irish Exchequer, and that a letter be prepared for His Majesty's signature for the discharge of the said Corker and his securities on producing the acquittance of the said Fitzgerald. [*1½ page. S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, *No.* 230.]

Nov. 9.
Whitehall.

Warrant to Sir Henry de Vic, Chancellor of the Order of the Garter, to admit and instal Captain Thomas Beck into the first vacancy among the poor knights of Windsor. [*Copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 294, *No.* 10.]

Nov. 9.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of news. [*Ibid. No.* 11.]

Nov. 9.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. Since last Sunday the winds have blown very violently, especially last night and to-day, when there is as great a tempest as at the time of the great shipwreck on the French coast after last Michaelmas. No loss, however, heard of. [*Ibid. No.* 12.]

Nov. 9.

Caveat on behalf of Mr. Montagu, Master of the Great Wardrobe, against anything which intrenches on his privileges passing Lord Arlington's office without his being heard. [*Ibid. No.* 13.]

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Notes in Williamson's hand. Ennys and his party are soliciting for meetings. Aneslow (Annesley), Watson, Crane, ministers of his party. Blood keeps company with that party, met them on Wednesday. Watson was in Love's sequestered family. Ennys prayed Bl[ood] to move the King for a liberty. Blood refused. Ennys was

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with the King last night to desire the like liberty might be given to all as to others, *i.e.* to Quakers, for so only (?) he alleged. Annesley has been in by a back door the last day without the Liberties. Crowch has continued all these times in his own house and in the Lord Mayor's Liberties. Keep out the Quakers from meetings or else admit of others more sober, as Independents, Presbyterians. Shut up their doors, deface their houses, and lock them up. If they meet in the streets leave them to it, without all force. At Devonshire House they have a house. Query, N.B. the Lord Mayor came to the King Monday. What he said, what the King said to the King (*sic*; *perhaps*, What he said to the King, what the King said). If he came doubting to the King of the message I carried him. If the King was cold or not earnest in justifying it. Gracechurch Street, Bull and Mouth in Aldersgate Street. Quakers' meetings. In Southwark one. In Wheler's Street one. In Ratcliffe one building now.—Lord Mayor. The Ministers met him Monday night after he had been with the King. They apprehend he was satisfied with them, and they are with him. Opinion (?) He may be earnest and they yet not understand him so. Query, say nothing of it till after the next day to see if they continue, especially that they may not smell out we have correspondence with Ennys by Blood. N.B. Blood sees privately and cunningly Ennys and his friends, but of that not a word, not to the King. It's said the last Lord Mayor had received a message from the King to waive meetings, but he immediately went to the King, and the King left all to his discretion. Aneslow (Annesley). He wanders in his discourse; bold, but no great man. Watson sneaking. To convince or disappoint a party. Deal so (1) as to convince in reason bystanders; (2) by craft and artifice to convince others. It was a great piece of the craft of the Lord Ashley to fly in the face of Jones at the proposing it as from the Committee. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 301, No. 14.*]

- Nov. 9. Presentation of Edward Fell to the rectory of Bentham, co. York, *ad corroborandum titulum*. [*Latin. S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 28.*]
- Nov. 9. Caveat in favour of the Warden of New College, that no mandamus pass for restoring Daniel Appleford to his fellowship, being expelled by the visitor. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 32, p. 13.*]
- Nov. 9. Warrant to Sir Robert Long, Treasurer and Receiver-General of the revenues late in jointure to the late Queen Mother, to pay several debts omitted from the schedule of debts authorised to be paid, viz.: 64*l.* to Lady Fisher, wife of Sir Clement Fisher; 43*l.* 5*s.* to Rich. Carteret, hosier, for silk stockings, &c.; 375*l.* to Peter Arnauld for a debt to his father; 40*l.* to Henry Browne, under-housekeeper of Somerset House, for cleaning expenses; 60*l.* to John Browne, gardener at Somerset House, for a year's salary, and 20*l.* to George Bar, under-gardener; 20*l.* to Jane Bartlett, for washing the chapel linen for a year; 23*l.* to Thos. Tillet and Wm. Godby, the Queen's chairmen, for allowance for linen; 19*l.* 12*s.* to Anthony Goddard, her footman, for five years' linen; 20*l.* to Madame St. Michell for half a year's pension; 30*l.* to

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Hugh May, comptroller of the works, for his salary; 20*l.* to Ann Platt, to whom the Queen gave the same sum yearly for charity; and 2*l.* 6*s.* to Mary Harrison, for a year's bread for the chapel. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 120.*]

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Chatham
Dock.

Captains William Rand and John Brooke to the Navy Commissioners. To-day we took out of the *Katherine* about 20 tons, which has made her sink an inch by the stern, as we formerly advised the builder she would draw more water by taking out the guns, but she is now safe in dock. We leave to your consideration the charge the builder has put the King to by losing yesterday's tide, beside the hazard of losing the spring. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 301, No. 15.*]

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Portsmouth.

Commissioner John Tippetts to the same. I shall be glad when the ketch with plank arrives from Bristol, better to employ the workmen. Those here that deal in small stock will not now trust to any contract for money, unless they know it is in a private hand for them before they deliver the goods. To-day we shall conclude the pay of the yard in ordinary. About 800*l.* will be left of what was brought down, besides what is stopped for a quarter's pay of the men complained of for abuses in the New Forest, and for paying the sawyers' bills and carters' bill for the quarters now paid the yard. It would greatly content the poor men if you would order their work to be placed on the books, as I hear is done at Deptford and Woolwich. Out of the money left I desire you would imprest so much as will answer the occasions named in the margin. The carver complains he wants money to pay his men. [*Ibid. No. 16.*]

Nov. 9.
Brooke Street.

Richard Bradford to the same. Excusing himself for his absence from his ship on account of his sickness. [*Ibid. No. 17.*]

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Whitehall.

Commission to John Winram of Liberton, to be captain of the company in the regiment of Guards in Scotland lately commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel James Alexander. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 292.*]

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Dispensation to William Strode, High Sheriff of Somerset, from residence in that county. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 51.*]

Nov. 11.

Notes in Williamson's hand. Dr. Butler. Ennys was with the King Wednesday night and conveyed (?) to him several of the meeting-house ministers sent to by Lord Mayor on Monday, and prayed liberty for the great meeting-houses. The King answered, He could not. That he had all tenderness, but could not. That they must order their meetings discreetly, that they may strengthen my hands and not weaken them. Yet they resolve to go in to their meeting-houses. Query, if these people do not get an interest in this Lord Mayor as in the last. Church matters.—The offer to have the address of the ministers in 1660 granted to quiet all, of great consequence in case of a Dutch war to correct (?) all humours. Obs[erve]. We go into a Dutch war now with more disadvantage than the last. *Quare?* Now it is taken we go in for the sake of France, &c. He finds on examination the merchants do not allow

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they are aggrieved by the Dutch, but think it a French trick. Even the Cavrs. (? Cavaliers) dread a war and ominate ill, so that the forepart of the game being thus hazardous, secure the other part; *i.e.*, Take care the Dutch having a fleet ready, new levies, &c., should land in England, and take some head of the Nonconformists to lead them. Dissatisfaction among the seamen. The meeting-house men have been viewed by the Doctor from house to house, and they are a stout, sturdy, dissatisfied people. Fears they have still more heart and indignation towards the Government than some seem to tell us. Concludes—whether not better for the King now of himself to offer what is capable to content them. Less will do it now than hereafter, when stresses are greater with the King. This was the King his father's case. If you care to capitulate with the fanatics, &c., they will never agree to reason. N.B. In Ecclesiasticals it is apprehended the King has all power, he is supreme, the Parliament has no part in it. In Civils it is otherwise. Gratify the Gentry, for no great disturbance can be, unless they be in the head of it. The people stir not without the Gentry. They are dissatisfied—(1) as mostly all men are, not to be as high as others at Court, &c.; (2) especially for having been unrewarded for their sufferings. Ordination of the ministers to be only according to the Established Church, none to be ministers or teachers but who have graduated in the Universities. There are now many private studies *tanquam* Colleges. The King's declaration to be the rule, or all to be as in Queen Elizabeth's time. It is dangerous to leave so considerable numbers dissatisfied. The King has in his prerogative power to settle Church matters as he will. To leave all as Queen Elizabeth did will make a good rule. All that shall not come in to it, to be deprived of offices, incapacitated to elect or be elected, &c. Provide against private ordination and let none be ministers but of the Universities. Holland.—All likelihood of a war. It's reported Sir G. Downing goes to demand such as are banished out of Scotland, and that they may be also banished there—By no means to do it. They are not worth it, and gives them and their party credit which they have not. So it was with Dick Cromwell upon his last search. N.B. Fear that Bl[ood] makes matters better towards the King than they indeed are. He fears it much. Meetings.—Let my Lord Mayor in general withdraw all meetings without naming any one person. Blood disgusts his two friends by disappointing them. They think him too high, and values himself too much, &c. The person in Holland, White, either will not accept of this proposition of corresponding, or will betray us, &c. This from a private hand. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 15.*]

[Nov. 11.] Rev. Richard Hollingworth to the King. Petition praying for the presentation to the vicarage of Westham, vacant by the decease of William Markett, having been five years assistant there. *On the back,*

Nov. 12. *Reference thereof to the Archbishop of Canterbury.*

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Nov. 13. *Certificate by him in favour of the petitioner.* [*Ibid.*
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- Nov. 11. Six parishioners to Williamson. The vicar being that day deceased, asking his assistance on behalf of a gentleman of their recommendation, and stating that they would attend him on Monday morning. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 17.*]
- Nov. 11. Letter for John Hewes, B.A., of Balliol College, to be a Fellow there. Minute. [*Ibid. No. 18, and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 80.*]
- [Before
Nov. 11.] Sir Edward Savage to the King. Petition praying him to recall his letter to the Governors of Sutton's Hospital to elect Martin Clifford Master, after Sir Ralph Sydenham, who is now very ill—as he had his Majesty's promise for the reversion of the said place five years ago, and Sir Henry De Vic, who had a previous reversion, has quitted his pretensions; he is old, and was wounded and lost an arm and hand in the late King's service. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 19.*]
- Nov. 11. The King to the Trustees of Sutton's Hospital in the Charterhouse. Recommending Martin Clifford, servant to the Duke of Buckingham, for the Mastership, in place of Sir Ralph Sydenham, lately deceased. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 51.*]
- Nov. 11. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. As the Portsmouth. general demand cannot be finished for some days, I enclose a demand of what is immediately wanted, the men being not fully employed, for want of provisions. The estimate shall be sent you when finished. To-morrow I intend for the New Forest, and shall give you an account on my return. As I pass by Southampton, I shall inquire what may be had there. Train oil may be delivered here from Poole at 16*l.* a ton ready money. I have encouraged the making of oars. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 301, No. 18.*]
- Nov. 11. John Pitt to [the same]. Asking that he may be allowed a Portsmouth Dock. habitation in the yard, which will save him, as he reckons, at least 30*l. per annum.* [*Ibid. No. 19.*]
- Nov. 11. R. Leigh to Williamson. A Mr. Tracy has been with me to-day Dublin. to revive the business of the lottery. There is not now one lottery in this kingdom, and he gives but small encouragement, propounding only to be employed, but not to pay any certain rent for it. Those who made the proposition about the discovery of lands have been with me again, and persuade me it is both a clear and beneficial thing. Therefore pray take care at the Signet that none else pass a grant of it. [2 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 231.*] Probably enclosed,
- Nov. 11. Maurice Tracy, formerly servant to Edward Corker, to Wil- Dublin. liamson. Understanding that you are concerned for the Royal Oak in this kingdom, and having been formerly employed by Capt. Roche, I give this account. I set it on foot about four years since, but it produced so small, or indeed no profit, that we were forced to lose rather than gain. Since then it lies dormant. I offered to let it to farm, but no one would take it. I offer my services should you think fit to set it up on your own account. [*1½ page. Ibid. No. 231.*]

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- Nov. 12. Warrant to Sir Stephen Fox to continue the payment to the
Whitehall. Earl of St. Albans of 1,000*l.* a year granted by warrant of 26 December 1665, notwithstanding that the original warrant has been lost or mislaid. [2 pages. *Copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 20, and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 122, where it is dated the 15th.*]
- Nov. 12. Lord Arlington to the Consul at Tripoli. Desiring him to use his best care and diligence for the restitution of the *John and William* and her goods, concerning which his Majesty has lately written to the Government of Tripoli. Preceded by a draft of the King's letter of the 4th instant, calendared *ante*, p. 556. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 21.*]
- Nov. 12. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. No news. [*Ibid. No. 22.*]
Plymouth.
- Nov. 12. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of
Portsmouth. news. [*Ibid. No. 23.*]
- Nov. 12. Warrant for a pardon to Thomas Jones, Nicholas Lockyer, Daniel Cary, Robert Boulter, John Knight, Thomas Gealing, and Thomas Frenchfield, for all treasons, murders, felonies, &c., between 24 June 1660 and 12 Nov. 1671. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 28, f. 55.*]
- Nov. 12. Warrant to the Commissioners of the Musters in favour of Cornet Wyndham, similar to that of 22 October, in favour of H. Slingsby, calendared *ante*, p. 532. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35A, f. 29.*]
- Nov. 12. Warrant for delivering 33 beds with bolsters, &c., and also twelve pieces of ordnance, for Chester Castle. [*Ibid. f. 30.*]
- Nov. 12. Edward Gregory to the Navy Commissioners. Enclosing the
Chatham. tickets belonging to the late master caulker there. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 301, No. 20.*]
- Nov. 13. Thomas Holden to Williamson. Three or four boats carrying
Falmouth. part of the salvage from the *Speedwell* to the Mount were caught by foul weather, and the goods injured. Vessels from Bordeaux report such a hailstorm, that in twelve parishes thereabouts 20,000 hogsheads, by estimation, of wine were lost, the grapes and vines being broken and beaten to the ground. Shipping news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 24.*]
- Nov. 13. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. (Identical with the last.)
Falmouth. [*Ibid. No. 25.*]
- Nov. 13. Richard Bower to Williamson. Yesterday the weather was so
Yarmouth. bad there was no stirring out of doors. It was not merely a storm, but snow fell abundantly, with great claps of thunder and lightning. About Winterton two ships were forced ashore, the men all lost. There are 21 dead bodies cast ashore. Within a mile of this a ketch, believed to belong to Boston, is also lost, and all the men drowned. [*Ibid. No. 26.*]
- Nov. 13. Warrant to Mr. Smith to empale the grounds at Windsor called Moate Parke. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 121.*]

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The King to Jeremiah Nelson, rector of Ellesdon, Northumberland. Granting him a dispensation for non-residence, on account of his great age, violent distempers, and remoteness from any physician. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 16.*]

Copy thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 27.*]

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Chatham
Dock.

Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. The *Royal Katherine* was last spring brought into dock in a most shameful manner, with a vast weight of guns, ballast, &c., in her hold, and also a vast quantity of water in her above her wrong heads. The day before she came in I turned her away to be better lightened, which proved very ineffectual, as the master attendants declare they have positive orders from Commissioner Cox to the contrary, so if there had not been a tide beyond all expectation the spring had been lost, though I specially desired him to give orders for clearing her. We find her so ironsick from so much water lying in her hold while in harbour for want of pumping, that the bolts within are eaten, which cannot be made good without clearing the hold, for which I beg your order, as the master attendants refuse to do it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 301, No. 21.*]

Nov. 13.

Whitehall.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Letter written in pursuance of the order in Council of the 5th instant on Fitzgerald's petition, and to the purport therein appearing. [3 pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 170.*]

Nov. 14.

Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Henry Ball. On Saturday as soon as the light ships had gone out a storm from the east assaulted them, and brought them to anchor; so from the weather there are about 60 sail here. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 28.*]

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Buckingham
House.

George Seignior to Williamson. I would not trouble you with my Charterhouse concern on the death of Sir R. Sydenham, hearing of your extreme obligingness in forwarding it. Yesterday I intended waiting on you with Mr. Frampton, but missed you both at your lodging and office. I found on coming home a letter from Cambridge, saying that the fellows of Bennet College are shy in permitting a search and so a copy of their MSS., and indeed they are tied up to strange conditions of privacy, but I am apt to imagine that Dr. Spencer may be not a little uncouth. However, the least intimation from yourself by Dr. Turner I am told will command it. Meanwhile here is the book containing a large collection of them as they were then, and I believe not much increased since, for at this rate it may be as hard to put an MS. into their archives as to get one out, to which you are welcome, if it is of any service to you. I intended it for an Additinary Catalogue, and therefore bound it thus. I hear Mr. Clifford has strengthened himself with a firm peremptory mandate, whereon there is like to be a petition from the Governors that none be sent them in future, which I hope will not prevent his Majesty's favour already granted. I waited on the good man last night, and it is thought he will hardly hold out this week. [*Ibid. No. 29.*]

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Nov. 14. Richard Watts to Williamson. Shipping news. To-day arrived
Deal. the *Marie* from Jamaica, bringing home as prisoner Sir Thomas Muddyman (*sic*), the late Governor, under a strong guard. He was got on board by a trick or invitation. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 30.*]
- Nov. 14. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I have received your
Chatham letter touching the complaints of the master attendants about the
Dock. *Royal Katherine*, and hope my account of yesterday will have satisfied you. I wish you would appoint some knowing unbiassed person to see the condition she is in, to prevent my being suspected of doing anything out of crossness, and not for the security of the ships and docks, the latter having been utterly ruined, and several ships much damaged by these practices. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 301, No. 22.*]
- Nov. 14. Ann Pett to the same. Being since the decease of my husband
Woolwich. in very great straits to satisfy debts we contracted by reason of very chargeable sicknesses, I was constrained to borrow 120*l.* of my daughter, giving her a bill of sale on my goods and chattels; but last Saturday two bailiffs, by virtue of an execution said to be obtained by Mr. Dowson, master joiner of Deptford and Woolwich, entered her house and carried away all her goods. The occasion pretended for satisfaction is making a cabinet in the yard at Woolwich by Mr. Dowson in my husband's lifetime, though I know of nothing due to him, and suspect that his demands are fraudulent and his proceedings illegal. I therefore beg you to recommend my sad condition to his Royal Highness, that he may order payment of divers sums a long time due to me upon bills. [*Ibid. No. 23.*]
- Nov. 14. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. After reciting that most of
Whitehall. the ecclesiastical promotions and benefices in Ireland had very much improved above what they were anciently valued at, and that also great augmentations had been made to them by King James, King Charles, and himself, and that by the letters of 15 August 1670 a commission for new valuing such promotions and benefices had been directed to be issued, but that little or no progress had been made therein; directing him to have issued several commissions to every diocese in Ireland to the persons therein named, and to such other persons as he shall think fit to nominate, for assessing the true values of all such promotions and benefices, which new values are to be the rule in future for assessing first-fruits and twentieths. [4 pages. *S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 166.*]
- Nov. 14. Lord Hatton to Williamson. This is the first opportunity of
Castle Cornet. acknowledging yours of 22 September, so unhappy are we in winter in the conveyance of letters between this and England. I beg you to acquaint Lord Arlington that, as soon as possible after the receipt of his Majesty's letter and the order, Mr Bonamy was sworn a jurat. [*S.P. Channel Islands 9, No. 10.*]
- Nov. 15. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Last evening came in the
Falmouth. *Princess* frigate, Sir William Jennings commander, with a convoy

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of about 30 merchant men from the Straits, and sailed again this morning for Plymouth. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 31.*]

Nov. 15. Certificate by William Peake, Robert Bendish, Robert Wolley, and John Clarke, that the bearer, Edward Clements, was master of the *King David* of London, wherein, about November 1669, being bound from New England for Tangier, he was after three days' resistance taken by Algerine pirates and carried a slave into Algiers, whence he paid his ransom himself, and therefore recommending him to share in the brief money for the redemption of slaves. [*Ibid. No. 32.*]

Nov. 15. John Lynes to Williamson. Reminding him that he had spoken
Norwich. to him at Mr. Salter's at Norwich, and had sent him by his desire a copy of his petition to the King, and having hitherto received no answer to it, enclosing another copy, and beseeching him to commiserate his deplorable condition, having been five years in prison for the said offence only, though he had never gained 5s. by all the wine that ever he sold, as he is ready to answer on oath. [*Ibid. No. 33.*]

Nov. 15. George Williamson to his brother Williamson. I have not heard
Bridk[irk]. from you about the gelding or stone horse. I will take no further care, if you be provided. Give your respects to Mr. Benson, the Clerk of Assize, for his kindness to me. He told me the Lord Keeper's secretary was very ready, when he heard it was your brother to be inserted in the Commission. I hope I shall behave myself to your credit. Joseph, the boy with me, will be no scholar. I have put him into the Custom House. [*Ibid. No. 34.*]

Nov. 15. [Nathaniel Osborne] to James Hickes. Shipping news. [*Ibid.*
Weymouth. *No. 35.*]

Nov. 15. Captain John Tinker to the Navy Commissioners. Recommending a chain instead of cables for the mooring of the *Cleveland* yacht at Greenwich, and desiring them to take into consideration the small vessels appointed to be sold, as they take up room and decay very much. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 301, No. 24.*]

Nov. 15. Captain Richard Le Neve to the same. Asking them to reimburse
The Downs. to Mr. Maidwell (Medwell) the conduct money he has received from him. [*Ibid. No. 25.*]

Nov. 15. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing him to have Sir
Whitehall. Henry Ingoldsby sworn of the Privy Council. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 175.*]

Nov. 16. Notes by Williamson. Meetings.—Notwithstanding what my Lord Mayor said, Vincent, who was personally with Lord Mayor and with the King, met on Sunday, and so did everybody else. Others not gone in say when called on to go in, that they do not at all desire it, but they foresee their people will force them in, if others continue to go in. N.B. Those gone in are young heads, teachers and people, and so apter to all sudden impressions. Mr. Whitaker, a sober learned man and against meetings. Watson not yet in his meeting-place. His people rich and furious. It's taken for granted

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among them that they have a connivance from Lord Mayor and the King too. He said, I hope they will manage their meetings discreetly. That they understood as the King meant to forbear public meetings. But say they, We are gone in, and till we be pressed harder we cannot answer it to our people. Ennys misled these people to go in. That that is to be done is to be done in a way so as their people may see it is the King's peremptory will, that so the blame may not lie on the teachers' fearfulness. Even teachers have been known to wish feeling (?) an open force. Others are popular and would be willing to keep public houses. N.B. There's scarce any heads in the meeting-houses now gone in; all are young men. (Ch. ? Church.)—The King to send for or to my Lord Mayor to know what was the effect of his warning to the meetings; if they forbear. If the King finds from him they do not, then to repeat to him the King's earnestness and peremptory resolution to have it done. If he says they do forbear, then the King to let him understand that he fears abuse, and give my Lord Mayor a charge and enjoin him to see it done. If he finds difficulty in it, then to return to the King for strength. Ennys to be called too, and the same said to him, so as he to intimate it to the meetings as the King said. Lord Mayor—to have it hinted to him that he represent to the meetings, that if by their obstinacy the King should be brought to use force, it might even be an occasion that the liberty of meeting in private be denied them. N.B. Dr. Annesley in Spitalfields met last day by a through (?) door. Sir John Rob[inson]—a Quaker's house building in Ratcliffe. Southwark—To be under this rule. Justice Howe, Reading, have interest among the people and should be set on this errand as Lord Mayor is.—Parliament prorogued—Suspect it is a French mystery because the Parliament would never have liked this French friendship. One since at Whitehall, says Bl[ood], as he learns from a conveyance of theirs, sets an ill face of this. If they desire to come in on other terms, then judge well what the terms are. If on the same, then ask them why not by Blood, to whom they had engaged themselves. Lord Mayor—Sent an officer Sunday the 4th (? 5th) the next day I had been with him. Sent to Crowch's meeting in Little Moorfields and called for the teacher out of the pulpit. The teacher escaped. The Monday sent for by his marshal the preacher and the men of the house of a meeting at Lothbury by his officer. This party keep D[ick] Cromwell's s[c]ent (?) and the Scotch secret (?) all this while. But the King must not treat of this to them by no means. But all along undervalue him. There is more in that Scotch business than the King will believe. Carolina business has much in it. All men are not faithful, if I mistake not. (B[utler].) They deceive the Independent party by making them believe that they shall have their pardons under the Great Seal without any kind of stipulation of loyalty, &c., on their part. So Lockyer, so Rogers. Not above six and seven all over England. Rogers took the oath of allegiance. Before outlawed. All such promises to be made only to the King, and only to his person with some witnesses. Secretary Trevor is theirs. He was before the Chancellor was cast out. These people played the game into certain

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hands. If these people shall now have the principal instruments about the King, what will be the end? They blew (?) up Oliver, R. Cromwell, the Rump and all. So Rogers was . . . Jekell such an one. It has been objected to Mr. Bl[ood]; he is of the other party, *i.e.* Lord Arlington's. This from D. Bucks. Query, whether none of those notes sent to the King lately came not from the artifices of this party. N.B. They must needs find themselves held too close by Mr. Blood's conditions, or else they would never (?) have changed hands contrary to their engagement. These have a connexion with Scotland, have R. Cromwell's secret (?), and meet openly, avowedly. Something is doing in Scotland, though we weigh it not. They fear to have their hands tied up from the cause, as they call it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 294, No. 36.]

Nov. 16.
Rye.

James Welsh to Williamson. The soldiers and horses that went on Saturday for the French King's service were forced back by a violent storm last Sunday. The horses broke loose and were like to upset the vessels, so the soldiers, to save their own lives, endeavoured to kill them, but could kill only two, because they tumbled up and down the hold of the ship, so that they dared not come near them. The rest came in here yesterday. [*Ibid.* No. 37.]

Nov. 16.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. This morning a gentleman, said to be the King's cupbearer, arrived from Guernsey. Yesterday evening one of the chief pilots here, sculling a boat, fell overboard, and the ham of his leg hanging in the oar, was immediately drowned. A ship from Malaga reports that a pink thence and another ship leaving the convoy were taken by the Turks. [*Ibid.* No. 38.]

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Sir George Reeve to Sir (*sic*) Joseph Williamson. As he has had, according to his advice, a writ of *ad quod damnum* executed concerning a patent for a fair in the town where he lives, relying on his favour and interest to get the rest perfected. [*Ibid.* No. 39.]

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Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. Enclosing a survey of the *Constant Warwick* and *Garland*, suggesting the *Guernsey* and *Sweepstakes* may be launched on Tuesday, and the others docked in their room, and, if they approve of this, desiring a warrant for the purpose. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 301, No. 26.]

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Chatham.

T. Wilson to the same. Asking their order for delivering tar to the ropery, some white yarn in a heap having heated for want of tarring. [*Ibid.* No. 27.]

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Commissioner J. Tippetts to the same. Last night I returned from the Forest, where with Mr. Wharton, Captain Greene's assistant, I viewed the timber (*alias* chips) seized by Captain Greene and his assistant at Milbrook, Candenam (Cadnam), Minstead and Fritham, which was all Mr. Wharton had to show me, except one parcel which he said was near Salisbury, which I did not think worth the labour of going to see, and found only two butt ends and two top ends, whose value in the Forest I conceive to be eight or nine shillings, and which are all I can say are not lawful chips.

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Having spoken with the purveyor and not had satisfaction from him, I summoned the carters that had been employed, to meet me in the Forest, when I told them of the damage sustained by the King, and that the neglect must be either in the justices, the purveyor, or themselves; they answered, in the purveyor's presence, that they had no command from the justices, what they did was at the purveyor's invitation, as their other occasions admitted, but had they been well paid, more might have been done, and said that out of 209*l.* earned, they had received but 35*l.* The purveyor's reason was that 100*l.* of the money imprested still remained in Captain Shales' hands, and 60*l.* in Mr. Poynter's, to whom he had often given directions for payment, but could not get it, and would, the first opportunity, draw that from Mr. Shales and pay the carters. I promised them my care, and they promised to do their utmost to get down the 250 loads still in the Forest. I desire to know what money has been imprested to the purveyor on account of this year's fell, that I may charge him for what ought to have been done by him, for the timber is much wanted, and the King's service suffers accordingly. I desire your directions for payment of the moneys stopped from the shipwrights that wrought in the Forest, and what shall be done about the offenders in the sale of the four above-mentioned ends of timber. The poor men that bought them complain of their injury from the restraint they have been under, and pray it may be taken off, that they may use or dispose of what they paid their money for. I also desire your order for payment of the sawyers. The *Anne* yacht will be launched to-morrow. I have enclosed Col. Norton's bill, which I entreat you to sign and put in the nearest way you can for payment. He is the best able in these parts to furnish you on a sudden or extra occasion. [2½ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 301, No. 28.]

[Nov. 16 ?] Captain John Waterworth to Thomas Hayter or William Hewer. Asking him to deliver to the bearer twenty printed blank tickets for the *Constant Warwick*. Noted that they were delivered 17 November. [*Ibid.* No. 29.]

Nov. 16. The King to the Chancellor and the President and the other
Whitehall. Senators of the College of Justice in Scotland. Two letters directing them to receive Sir Andrew Ramsay, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, and Richard Maitland, senior, of Pitrichie, as Senators of the said college, in place respectively of Lord Halkertoun, deceased, and Sir James Lockhart, appointed Lord Justice Clerk. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, pp.* 294, 295.]

Nov. 16. The King to the Chancellor and to the Lord Justice General and
Whitehall. Lord Justice Clerk, and the remanent criminal judges in the Justice Court of Scotland. Directing them to receive as one of the seven criminal judges of the said court, Sir Thomas Wallace of Craigie, a Senator of the College of Justice, in place of Lord Halkertoun, deceased. [*Ibid.* p. 296.]

Nov. 16. The King to the Earl of Rothes, Chancellor, the Archbishops of
Whitehall. St. Andrews and Glasgow, the Duke of Hamilton, the Earls of

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Argyle, Atholl, Dunfermline, Tweeddale, and Kincardine, and Charles Maitland of Halton. Requiring them to consider who are the fittest persons to fill the bishoprics vacant in Scotland, and to submit their names to him. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 297.*]

Nov. 16. Commission to John, Lord Elphinstone, as captain of the militia
Whitehall. troop of horse in Stirlingshire and Clackmannanshire, in room of Lord Cardross, deceased. [*Ibid. p. 298.*]

Nov. 17. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of
Portsmouth. news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 40.*]

Nov. 17. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Enclosing list of ships arrived.
Plymouth. [*Ibid. No. 41.*]

[Before Note by John Gardner that it is humbly desired by Mr. Morris
Friday, and Sir R. Carr, that Friday, 17 November, be appointed by his
Nov. 17.] Majesty to hear Mr. Morris's business. [*Ibid. No. 42.*]

Nov. 17. Grant to Tobias Rustat, Yeoman of the Robes, and Henry Samways
of all leases, goods, and chattels forfeited by Rich. Sandford of
Weston Zoyland, co. Somerset, for murder of a bastard child.
Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 121.*]

Docquet thereof, dated November. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 142.*]

Nov. 17. Warrant to Sir John Robinson to receive Sir Thomas Modyford,
late Governor of Jamaica, and keep him close prisoner for misde-
meanours during his government. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 121.*]

Nov. 17. Warrant to ——— to deliver Sir Thomas Modyford to the Lieu-
tenant of the Tower. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 17. Letter to Trinity Hall for Thomas Hughes, scholar there, to have
the next fellowship. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 16.*]

Nov. 17. Warrant for a licence to Prince Rupert, at the yearly rent of 20s.,
of the sole exercise for fourteen years from 6 May last of his
inventions of converting edged tools and other forged instruments
and iron wire into steel; also of softening cast or melted iron so as
to be wrought like forged iron, and also of tincturing copper upon
iron; with commission to him to take oaths from all the workmen
employed in the said arts not to divulge them. [*S.P. Dom., Entry
Book 36, p. 52.*]

Nov. 18. [R. Dickson] to Williamson. The mutiny of the soldiers at
Edinburgh. Glasgow came to no height, they having received their pay. The
Earl of Dunfermline is made Lord Privy Seal of Scotland, in place
of the Earl of Marchill (Marischal), lately deceased. It is reported
that four new foot companies are to be levied here and added to the
recruits raised this summer for Lord George Douglas's regiment in
France. There was nothing but private affairs before the Council
this week. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 43.*]

Nov. 18. John Pocock to James Hickes. Shipping news. [*Ibid. No. 44.*]
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J. L. [John Lloyd ?] to Sir Thomas Littleton. As you are willing to intercede with the Grand Farmers of hearth-money about my subfarm of Norfolk, I will explain all that happened. I was refused the farms of several counties, but that of Norfolk was offered, and an abstract of the tax produced, which was 8,000*l.* a year, to which 350*l.* was added, and it was magnified as a good farm, at 8,350*l.*, for which I took it. I went down with 34 men and surveyed the county, sometimes at hazard of our lives, when the return of the first year was found to be 982*l.* 10*s.* short of the abstract. Had I contracted on the record and not on the abstract, my rent would have been reduced to 7,167*l.* 10*s.* *per annum*, and I further ask such proportional reductions on my rent as have been made to others, the rather that the duty has fallen 1,000*l.* the last 2½ years. On discovery of my indiscreet contract, I entreated the whole Board to release me and resume the farm into their own hands, and declined to collect the tax, saying I was indifferent as to how I was ruined; but they compelled me to it by threatening my security; some abatements were made me, but not enough, and I am now at their mercy and must end my days in this place [the Fleet]. I am willing to do what I can to satisfy them out of my own estate for my unadvised undertaking, but fear they will not bear to be put in mind that the King has given them defalcations enough to heal all sufferers in this farm. [*Copy. 5 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 45.*]

Nov. 18.

Caveat in favour of Mr. Brounker that nothing pass concerning Sir Robert Crooke's office in the Exchequer. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 32, p. 13.*]

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Warrant, on the petition of the King's heralds and pursuivants-of-arms, for a collection brief, recommending to the bounty of the nobility the rebuilding of the Heralds' Office, burnt in the late fire; the time limited by Act of Parliament having almost expired, the ground will be lost unless they can raise 5,000*l.* for rebuilding, and thus the books and records, preserved from the fire and of great use to the nobility, would be in danger of being lost for want of a place to keep them; also appointing Sir Edward Walker, Garter Principal King-at-Arms and clerk of the Privy Council; Sir Edward Bish, Clarencieux, and William Dugdale, Norroy, Kings-at-Arms; Elias Ashmole, Windsor; Henry St. George, Richmond; Thomas Lee, Chester; Sir Thomas St. George, Somerset; John Wingfield, York; and Robert Challoner, Lancaster, Heralds; Francis Sandford, Rouge Dragon; and Thomas Holford, Portcullis, pursuivants-of-arms, and the Kings-at-Arms, Heralds, and Rouge Dragon and Portcullis pursuivants for the time being, and such other persons as may be nominated by the Earl Marshal or by the Commissioners for executing that office, to receive the said bounty and make return thereof by Michaelmas 1677 to the Earl Marshal or to the Commissioners for executing that office; also appointing Henry Dethick, Rougecroix, and Jo. Gibbons, Bluemantle, pursuivants, to collect the moneys and pay them to John Fisher and Oliver Gregory of Westminster, appointed treasurers. In case the money subscribed exceeds the

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cost, the remainder is to be employed in ornamenting the public hall and place of meeting of the officers, and in purchasing books for the library; the names, arms, and pedigrees of the benefactors to be registered in a vellum book, that the memory thereof may remain. [S.P. Dom., *Entry Book* 34, f. 122.]

Docquet thereof, dated November. [Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 141.]

Nov. 18.
Bristol.

Francis Baylie to the Navy Commissioners. Advising them that the galliot is fully laden with the plank, and that he was taking care of 21 planks which the galliot could not take, and proposing to make up a shipload with them and his own timber, if he can have warrants for the land carriage of it, by the middle of next January. [S.P. Dom., *Car. II.* 301, No. 30.]

Nov. 18.
Portsmouth.

Commissioner John Tippetts to the same. I have seen a letter from the Surveyor to the officers of the yard, demanding an account of what ships might on occasion be in readiness by January next, which I doubt not they will answer themselves. But without a supply not one ship in harbour can be perfected, except by taking tops, &c., from other ships. The general survey shall be hastened. I entreat that care be taken to send down what must be had thence. No rosin to be had here, and only half a ton in store, nor large *lignum vitæ* or white plates for breadrooms, for which lead might do as well, at half the cost. We have not elm timber or ash plank to keep the blockmakers employed another week. The best parcel of elm has since been bought by a private person, and must cost more than when you might have had it. I would gladly get the several small parcels of useful timber formerly mentioned, foreseeing the want of it. The ketch with plank from the Severn is arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 31.]

Nov. 18.
Chatham
Dock.

Phineas Pett and Joseph Lawrence to the same. Giving an account of the particular works which make up the 16,000*l.* (per estimate of 13 October) for the repair of the *Royal Sovereign*. [*Ibid.* No. 32.]

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Capt. John Tinker to the same. The appraisement of the vessels to be sold was sent up 12 January last. [*Ibid.* No. 33.]

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Particulars of the lead, &c., left by Lake, the late plumber at Chatham, for which Mr. Shish desired a warrant. Noted that the warrant was sent 18 November. [*Ibid.* No. 34.]

Nov. 18.
Dublin.

Sir G. Rawdon to Viscount Conway. I came here two days since. My wife is in great measure recovered. Return of moneys continues very dear. The Lord Lieutenant, with whom I was last night, swore he paid 10 *per cent.* Particulars about Lord Conway's commission. I expect my sons the beginning of next month from Kilkenny, who will wait on you in March that you may settle them in the University. Here the new project in altering the course of the revenue is the great business in hand. Lord Ranelagh and his fellow undertakers are to have the benefit of three subsidies to be raised by the Act of Settlement, to make up 300,000*l.*, the year's

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full value falling short 120,000*l.* Neither Lord Aungier nor Lord Ranelagh is yet come over, but the nine undertakers have a deputy that put the business on foot here. Three months' pay for the Army is expected presently from them, but they agree not yet on the method of signing acquittances. I have ordered to distrain for your rents after the twenty days, having no better way to meet with a great many tenants, but more Scotch under-tenants that they have set unto without licence, those that have invited Scotch Presbyterian pretended ministers to preach in Killulta. Chapel Izod is preparing to receive the Northern Lady, who is so well recovered of the smallpox that she is to come suddenly from Mellefont, but her face is said to have suffered much. Lord Roscommon is busy shipping his soldiers from Drogheda and Skerries; most of them are gone and he and his lady also, 'tis said, are presently for France. [2 pages. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 232.]

Nov. 19.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Last Friday the *Anne* yacht was launched after rebuilding, and may be ready to sail to the Thames in three or four days. The *Boston* came to Spithead last Thursday, one of the ships convoyed by Sir William Jennings. She reports they are in a good condition at Tangier, and that Sir E. Spragg has gained a very great reputation to the English nation for the brave attempt at Bugia. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 294, No. 46.]

Nov. 19.
Deal.

Richard Watts to Williamson. The ship on which Sir Thomas Muddyman was prisoner went up yesterday. Last night the *Mermaid* arrived from Barbadoes with 64 soldiers well apparelled and lusty; they planted for their living. A Straits ship reports that Capt. Langston was in Algiers about the treaty, and that the Consul there is very well, and that there are great probabilities of a peace. One from Calis (Cadiz) reports that the cause the two vessels were taken by the Algerines was that the merchants threatened to protest against them, if they stayed for convoy. [*Ibid.* No. 47.]

Nov. 19.
Oxford.

John Wickham, a messenger, to Williamson. Enclosing a receipt for 40*s.* advanced for his journey to Gloucester, and hoping that he will procure him a further considerable satisfaction, having killed his mare by the journey. [*Ibid.* No. 48.]

Nov. 19.
[Oxford.]

Dr. John Fell to Sir Leoline Jenkins. Last Thursday the Vice-Chancellor proposed and passed our grant without any objection, even the Provost of Queen's professing that he came prepared to demonstrate the usefulness of the settlement. No time must now be lost, and I am therefore engaging Dr. Marshall to undertake a winter journey into Holland, and am sounding the Stationers here what stock they are likely to bring in. I have a great mind, if possible, that we be benefactors to the nation in the matter of *Bibles*, but if we are tied up to quartos and folios it will not be worth while to meddle with them. The booksellers here make no doubt of vending whatever proportions of privileged books, whether of the Stationers', Norton's, or King's Printers' patents, in all the parts of England, without ever hazarding seizures at London; but we must be secure

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of Westminster Hall, and have a prospect of what stock we are likely to make up, before determining anything. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 49.*]

Nov. 19. Petition of Charles, youngest son of Sir Thomas Modyford, merchant, and now prisoner in the Tower, to the King for discharge, having been imprisoned since 16 May last, and his father having surrendered the government of Jamaica to Sir Thomas Lynch, and having now arrived in the Downs. [*Ibid. No. 50.*]
The Tower.

Nov. 19. The King to Eton College. Recommending Dr. Cradock, his chaplain in ordinary, for the first vacant fellowship, dispensing with any statute or custom to the contrary, in favour of one who will deserve it by future service in the Church. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 80.*]

Note of part of the above letter. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 51.*]

Nov. 19. The King to the Earl of Oxford, Lord Chief Justice in Eyre, south of Trent. Wishing him to issue a warrant empowering Sir William Bowles, Master of the Toils, to take from the New Forest 100 fallow deer to store the forest which is ordered to be empaled for his Majesty's pleasure in the Isle of Wight. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 80.*]

Nov. 19. Pass for six horses for the Prince Elector. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 121.*]

Nov. 19. Reference to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury of Sir T. Bridge's petition, with a declaration of his Majesty's regard for his good and faithful services. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 37, p. 9.*]

[Nov. ?] Note that Sir G. Hamilton had obtained a letter dated 14 Sept. 1670, remitting the new quit rent and arrears on his estate, but that Sir George not having till now taken out a patent for his estate or a certificate from the Court of Claims, the former letter is ineffectual, because it should refer to the patent, and a new one is therefore desired. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 233.*]

Nov. 19. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing the remission to Sir George Hamilton of the new quit rents, amounting to 68*l.* 9*s.* 9½*d.*, imposed on his estate by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, or by the Commissioners under those Acts, or by the letters patent passed on their certificate. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 186.*]
Whitehall.

[Nov. 19.] Draft thereof. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 234.*]

[Nov. ?] ——— Hamilton, son of Sir George Hamilton, to the King. Petition stating that his father had been restored to his estate in Ireland, and confirmed therein, which by the King's letter of 14 Sept. 1670 had been discharged of all new quit rents; that the patent on the certificate of the Court of Claims not having been previously taken out, this letter was ineffectual; that the King had therefore graciously signed new letters to the same effect, but that the Clerks of the Signet refused to enter them on account of a

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general direction of the Commissioners for inquiring into the disposition of lands in Ireland, and praying that notwithstanding they might be ordered to do so. [*Draft. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 235.*]

Nov. 19.
Dublin.

The Lord Lieutenant to Lord [Arlington]. I send herewith the Council's answer and mine to a letter or order of the English Privy Council on behalf of Meverell, with the reports of the judges, the Attorney-General, and the foreman of the jury concerning his petition, and request that, as their lordships have heard "Meverell's invective allegations against us, to prevail with them to hear our vindication." The Commissioners of Accounts have made material objections to Sir Robert Biron's accounts, wherein he acknowledges to be indebted 700*l.* to the Crown, and if that debt be remitted him, we may, considering how vast sums have been remitted already, shut up our shops here. [*2 pages. Ibid. No. 236.*]

Nov. 20.
Lyme.

Anthony Thorold to James Hicke. Vessels from St. Malo and Morlaix report they are there full of discourse of war next spring with the Dutch and Spain, for which great preparations are making, as a summons by beat of drum for a timely appearance of seamen and soldiers, orders given for several great ships for the Straits, some already arrived, and 30 small frigates to be built at Brest from 12 to 24 guns, to secure their merchandize along the coast. Algerines have been met about Scilly by a French merchantman, the same that had the rencontre lately with an English ship. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 52.*]

Nov. 20.

Sir Robert Carr to Williamson. I delivered the enclosure safe. Never a one of the Triple League but would be contented to venture a London journey, notwithstanding the ill ways, to spend the rest of the winter there. Your friend here is constantly in as good humour as ever, and the assurance given her of Mr. Thimbleby's dear victory has mended the matter. I am resolved now to try and make things as bad as can be, hoping they will then mend. I thank you for your care in the Boston affair. I wonder there should be any scruple when Alderman Forth and I agreed the matter before Sir William Ellis. It is entered in his lease, and the Lords of the Treasury agreed it to be done. I have been forced to ride and go to serve the Excise men and Chimney men, for which some would-be great men, and one that should be a great man, your friend now in London, threaten I should lose my popularity. Boston is very active on all occasions for the King's service. On Saturday I am to try two actions between the Chimney men and the countrymen. [*Ibid. No. 53.*]

Nov. 20.

Sir John Robinson to Williamson. I went to Goring House, but could not find Lord [Arlington] there or at Whitehall. Meeting his Majesty, I acquainted him. He answered by no means the son should speak with the father. [*Ibid. No. 54.*]

Nov. 20.
Carlisle.

Sir Christopher Musgrave to [Williamson]. The proroguing the Parliament so long before the meeting has occasioned very various conjectures and melancholy apprehensions in some sober people.

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I submit whether it merits so much consideration that something should be offered for the quieting of their thoughts. Report says the Dean of Carlisle is to be Bishop of Bristol. If so, a deanery, a prebend of Durham, and a good living, are to be disposed of. If my brother Thomas be judged worthy of any of them, nothing could yield more satisfaction to his father and relations, his present station in Hampshire being very unhealthy and remote from his friends. My cousin Colchester will wait on you for the 20*l.* to be paid on my father's account. [2 pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 294, No. 55.]

Nov. 20. Account attested by oath of Richard Mathew, Registrar of the Admiralty Court at Newcastle-on-Tyne, of the profits of that office from 1 May last to that date. [*Ibid.* No. 56.]

Nov. 20. Licence for John Clerke, High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, to live out of those counties. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, f. 81.]

Nov. 20. Warrant to Sir John Robinson to discharge Charles Modyford. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 122.]

Nov. 20. Reference to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury of Surgeon Knight's petition for his arrears. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 37, p. 10, and *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 294, No. 57.]

Nov. 20. Reference to the same of the petition of Thomas Lisle and R. Folliard, the King's barbers. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 20. Reference to the same of the petition of Thomas Holden and others. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 20. Presentation of [Merrick] Head to the rectory of Layborne, co. Kent, *ad corroborandum titulum*. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 35B, f. 16.]

Docquet thereof, dated 23 Jan. [*Docquets, Vol.* 25, No. 175.]

Nov. 20. Dispensation for Sir Edw. Winn, Bart., High Sheriff of Lincolnshire, to live in Yorkshire, and to come to London. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 36, p. 54.]

Nov. 20. John Owen to the Navy Commissioners. Tar is much wanted here. For want of room to stow the white yarn it had to be coiled in a pile, and began to heat, and had been thereby much damaged if it had not been discovered. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 301, No. 35.]

Nov. 20. Phineas Pett to the same. This morning the workmen of this yard left off work, being very much discontented for want of pay, many complaining that they were ready to starve. I used all the arguments I could to make them go to work again, and their answer was that Commissioner Cox had promised that this yard should be paid first, but they hearing that the rest of the yards are paid, and that the Treasurer has no money for the payment of this yard, were resolved to go to London; but on my promising to write to you on their behalf, they promised to follow their work till the return of this messenger. [*Ibid.* No. 36.]

Nov. 20. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing him to have warrants issued to Viscount Ranelagh and his partners for payment, Whitehall.

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out of the 10,000*l.* reserved by the contract with them, to Philip Hore of the full purchase money for twenty-eight Irish acres of his lands enclosed in the Phœnix Park, and also the mesne profits of the same since its enclosure, according to the rates paid to other persons. [*1½ page. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 177.*]

[Nov. ?] Sir William Wale to the King. Petition for the appointment of some other person in his stead to be High Sheriff for Leicestershire. He lodged and entertained the late Duke of Albemarle at his own house when he came to London before the Restoration; he lost much in the fire, and, having settled his lands in Leicestershire on his daughter, on her marriage to Mr. Noel, second son of Lord Campden, has only reserved a sufficiency for his own family. *At foot,*

Nov. 21. *Affidavit verifying the petition.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 58.*] *Annexed,*

Note of names of gentlemen of Leicestershire suitable to fill the office of High Sheriff. [*Ibid. No. 581.*]

[Nov. 21.]
Dec. 1.
London.

The Ccnde de Molina, Ambassador Extraordinary of Spain, to the King. It having been brought to his notice that Don Manuel de Fonseca, the Spanish Consul, has had Don Diego de Peñalossa Brizeño arrested, having understood that he intended to leave the kingdom without repaying him 50*l.* he had lent him, as the said Don Diego can pay that sum to get out of the difficulty, and from his liberty many prejudicial consequences will follow to the King his master, he being a criminal, and having fled the Indies on that account, the said Ambassador supplicates his Majesty to give order, with all expedition, that the said Don Diego be confined in the Tower, when the Ambassador will bring charges against him. [*Spanish. Ibid. No. 59.*]

Nov. 21. Sir John Robinson to Williamson. I send the bearer for an
The Tower. answer to the paper left yesterday. I received Mr. Modyford's discharge, but Prince Rupert being here, pray speak to Lord Arlington to know the King's pleasure therein. After the Prince has dined and gone, I will, if possible, see you at Whitehall. [*Ibid. No. 60.*]

Nov. 21. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. To-day the *Yarmouth* is to be
Portsmouth. launched, having been rebuilt here, and the *Nonsuch* is to be docked in her place. [*Ibid. No. 61.*]

Nov. 21. Certificate of the Earl of Sunderland's taking his leave that day.
[*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 127.*]

Nov. 21. Sir Thomas Littleton and Josiah Child to Samuel Pepys. We have been here to wait on you about our money affair. We have considered the service expected from us, and find it will be extraordinary prejudicial to his Majesty's service, as well as to ourselves, if our imprest money should not be fully complied with, and very suddenly, wherefore we earnestly request that we may have the continuance of your favour, and your utmost endeavours in this respect. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 301, No. 37.*]

Nov. 21. Lord Brounker to the Navy Commissioners. By the 6th Article
Navy Office. of the new instructions of 6th Sept. last I am not to give allow-

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ance to the Treasurer of the Navy of any payments made by him without or contrary to the course directed, till I receive from you the directions of the Lord High Admiral or Lords of the Treasury therein. Finding by last week's certificate such an assignment, I hereby report it to you, that I may receive directions accordingly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 301, No. 38.*]

Nov. 21. Warrant for a patent ordaining Charles, Earl of Dunfermline, Whitehall. to be Keeper of the Privy Seal of Scotland for life, in place of William, Earl Marischal, deceased. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 299.*]

Nov. 22. [Nathaniel Osborne] to James Hickes. Mr. Trenchard, member Weymouth. for Poole, died last Monday at his house, seven miles from here. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 62.*]

Nov. 22. Warrant to Sir Rob. Long, treasurer and receiver-general of the revenues late in jointure to the late Queen Mother, to pay to Col. Thos. Howard, Lieutenant of the Yeomen of the Guard, 300*l.*, balance of 600*l.* due to him from her and not inserted in the schedule of debts and salaries. [*Ibid. No. 63, and S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 126.*]

Nov. 22. Privy seal for 100*l.* to the poor of St. Martin's. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 126.*]

Docquet thereof, dated 22 Jan. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 174.*]

Nov. 22. Grant in reversion to Mr. Langley of the office of one of the Whitehall. auditors of the imprest in the Exchequer. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 126.*]

Nov. 22. Warrant to Sir Robert Holmes, Governor of the Isle of Wight, to garrison Hurst Castle with men drawn from the companies in that island. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35A, f. 30.*]

Nov. 22. Warrant to Major Edward Strange, Governor of Hurst Castle, to receive the men sent by Sir Robert Holmes. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 22. Presentation of Rich. Hollingworth to the vicarage of Westham, co. Essex. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35B, f. 16.*]

Nov. 22. Reference to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury of the petition of William Baly of Cowly, desiring a moiety of the purchase money he is to pay for the fee-farm rents he contracts for. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 37, p. 9.*]

Nov. 22. Reference to the same of the petition of Lord Hawley and Sir R. Stewart for a grant of certain arrears on the fee-farms concealed, with an expression of his Majesty's inclination to gratify their good services. [*Ibid., and S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 57.*]

Nov. 22. Sir W. Jennens to the Navy Commissioners. I enclose a bond The Downs. given for a stream cable, lent to one of the ships from Scanderoon. If you think the indents of the officers of the *Princess* and *Falcon* from Leghorn extravagant, I thought so too. A great deal was delivered without my orders. I gave Sir T. Clutterbuck a general order to supply these ships with such stores as should be signed by me. The officers of both made such unreasonable demands, that I

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would sign nothing. However they were delivered, I cannot give an account of how much. As to the *Falcon* and my boatswain, I signed only for such things as were received at our last being there, part of which I have found him guilty of embezzling, and have brought him home a prisoner. I could wish he were forgiven, for he is a very good officer, and as to anything else I know no fault. I have secured what he has, and judge it sufficient to indemnify the King. I have also found in the ship some rope and canvas not in his indents, as to which he says he knows not how they came on board. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 301, No. 39.]

Nov. 22.
Chatham
Dock.

Phineas Pett to the same. I have informed the workmen that money is coming to pay them next week, to their great satisfaction. [*Ibid* No. 40.]

Nov. 23.

Notes by Williamson. The Nursery in London. Pull down that and coffee-houses, and nothing can be more to the establishment of the government. The City government is too lax already. The citizens already, even those that are of the Church of England, prefer to have fanatic children, rather than those bred in their own way. If the two nurseries in Barbican and Bunhill be not taken away in a year, expect a disorder. The apprentices are already grown too heady. Advised to take them away now upon the pulling down meeting-houses. The King's answer to the Lord Mayor, that playhouses should be pulled down when the meeting-houses were, had an ill interpretation, and has done disadvantage. Meetings.—Southwark to be minded. Send for Earl Craven, Reading and How Justices, to give them the like charge as to the Lord Mayor. About Bunhill send to Sir John Robinson. Since the fire, fanatics have increased, because the people wanted churches, and the City preachers are generally not well thought of at present. Our men do not preach judiciously, affectionately. Preachers should be as Taylors. (Church)—Women preachers, Men preachers. Dutch war—It's now said about town that they will attack us, and it is best that it be said so, it unites the people. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 294, No. 64.]

Nov. 23.
Public Library,
Oxford.

Dr. Thomas Hyde to Williamson. I congratulate your new undertaking of the printing. I endeavoured to give people a right understanding thereof. You may perhaps remember that Mr. Samuel Clarke (deceased) printed some propositions for an additional volume to the *Polyglot Bible*, to contain several things not before printed, among them a Chaldee Paraphrase on the *Chronicles* from an ancient MS. at Cambridge. This he translated and fitted for the press, and it is now in our hands. Since you and other public spirited persons have undertaken the carrying on the printing here, I suggest to the Dean of Christchurch and yourself the resuming Mr. Clarke's design, especially having now materials to carry it out far more amply than he intended, for the Four Evangelists in Coptic are now prepared for the press by Dr. Marshall, and, if thought fit, the whole Armenian *Bible* may be added. All or most of those who have the *Polyglot Bible* already will probably be also willing to have the additional volume, so printing it is likely to

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be profitable. I take this opportunity to mention it, because there is now offered for purchase what may prove a very useful addition. A gentleman in Paris has the whole *Old Testament* in Persian, such a rarity as is perhaps not to be found again in Europe. With the Dean's consent I have employed Mr. Smith to transact the business. It consists of fourteen volumes all written in an ancient Hebrew character. The owner asked 200 pistoles, and is since come down to 150, and Mr. Smith thinks he would take 100 if roundly offered, or should it be printed, he would, I think, be content to take a certain number of copies instead of money. Now, as we cannot conclude the bargain without seeing the book, the owner is willing to send over some of the volumes, if a cautionary sum is lodged with a third person as security for their safe return if not purchased. Now, Oxford being far from merchants, we cannot well contrive this, wherefore, if you agree with the Dean, I entreat you to take the trouble to get a deposit in Paris, and that on the first opportunity, because, nothing being effected, the owner begins to think of disposing them some other way. [1¼ page. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 294, No. 65.]

Nov. 23. John Cooke to Williamson. I have asked Secretary Trevor for a copy of the letter to the Grand Duke of Tuscany on behalf of the Beales, for which order is given, but before sending it he wishes to speak with you. [*Ibid.* No. 66.]

Nov. 23. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of
Portsmouth. news. [*Ibid.* No. 67.]

Nov. 23. Grant to John Man, High Sheriff of Norfolk, of dispensation to live in the city of Norwich, where his house is. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 36, p. 53.]

Nov. 23. Note of a warrant made that day for the receipt of several stores at Woolwich from Mr. William Wood, at the request of Mr. Russell, the purveyor. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 301, No. 41.]

Nov. 24. Sir John Robinson to Williamson. Asking that 5*l.* apiece be
The Tower. given to Captain Gardner and Messrs. Read, Pitt, and Wilkinson, who made discovery and were the cause of the apprehension of a great number of dangerous and disaffected persons who lay skulking in the City and openly preaching sedition when the King was at Windsor. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 294, No. 68.]

Nov. 24. Daniel Fleming to Williamson. Concerning conventicles and a
Rydale. case of arsenic poisoning in Lancashire. (Printed in full in the *Fleming Calendar*, p. 86.) [*Ibid.* No. 69.]

Nov. 24. Philip Lanyon to James Hickes. Defending himself against the
Plymouth. charge of omitting in his letter the arrival of the ship with Sir Thomas Modyford on board, she having never put into that port, and enclosing a list of ships arrived. [*Ibid.* No. 70.] *Enclosed, The said list.* [*Ibid.* No. 70*i.*]

Nov. 24. Mary Browne to Williamson. Requesting him to direct and
Lynn. forward the enclosed to her husband. [*Ibid.* No. 71.]

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Nov. 24. Licence for Ellis Crispe, High Sheriff of Surrey, to be absent from his county. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 81.*]

Nov. 24. Warrant to the Duke of Buckingham to order the Avenor to swear in Robert, son of Thomas Killigrew, groom of the bedchamber, and Aubrey, son of George Porter, as pages of honour, to come into present waiting, but to have no entertainment till the first vacancy, when they are to receive the profits of their places. Entered by way of *caveat* at T. Killigrew's request. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 126, and Entry Book 36, p. 59.*]

Copy of the said warrant, with blanks for the names of the persons to be sworn. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 21, p. 97.*]

Nov. 24. Warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley to employ Paulus Augustus de Storff as engineer to the Ordnance Office. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35A, f. 31, and S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 72.*]

Nov. 24. Pass for Thomas Kelsey, English subject residing in Holland, to return to England, and to travel to London and Westminster, he making his appearance before a secretary of state within five days after his arrival. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, p. 55.*]

Nov. 24. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. Enclosing a copy of his reply to Commissioner Cox's warrant of 30 October last, which will satisfy them how both his Majesty's service has been prejudiced as well as the poor workmen injured thereby, so that the practice of the Commissioner, though never so much husbandry be pretended, is merely to take away his command and his authority among the workmen. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 301, No. 42.*] *Enclosed,*

Oct. 30. *Phineas Pett to Cox. I received your warrant of to-day after you had reproached me in your usual manner in the yard, which with the rest of your opprobrious terms I shall waive for the present. It is well known to yourself how grossly you have abused me in cutting off the allowances I have given and the workmen have justly deserved, which has not only taken away my command over the men, but infinitely hindered the service during almost these two years. I shall resolve for the future to be shipwright or no shipwright, and, as long as I have power, to do my duty, and to see all under my command do theirs, but as long as my command is eclipsed, my duty shall be resigned to your worship, being unwilling to be made a nose of wax any longer. [Ibid. No. 421.]*

Nov. 24. Warrant for a letter ordaining John, Earl of Lauderdale, to be president of the Secret Council of Scotland for life. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book 1, p. 301.*]

Nov. 24. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. After reciting that Sir George Hamilton having been remiss until now in taking out a new patent for his estate restored to him, the same is now stopped by reason of a late letter that no grant whatsoever of lands should pass; directing him to cause the said patent to be passed, the said letter or any

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other order to the contrary notwithstanding, it not being within the meaning thereof, but only a confirmation of his restitution to his ancient paternal estate. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 175.*]

Nov. 25. John Pocock to James Hickes. Shipping news. [*S.P. Dom., Portsmouth. Car. II. 294, No. 73.*]

Nov. 25. Silas Taylor to Henry Ball. Shipping news. [*Ibid. No. 74.*]
Harwich.

Nov. 25. G[ulielmus], Bishop of Lincoln, to Williamson. Asking to let him know Lord Arlington's resolve concerning the *mandamus* requested for Mr. Hughes to be Fellow of Baliol at the next election. [*Ibid. No. 75.*]

Nov. 25. Paul A. de Storff to Williamson. Apologising for having been prevented, by his journey to the Isle of Wight, from waiting on him and Lord Arlington, and promising to do so on his return. [*Ibid. No. 76.*]

Nov. 25. George Evans to Williamson. Requesting him to write to the Bishop of Lincoln on behalf of Mr. Gregory, who desires to succeed to the prebend in the church of Lincoln held by Mr. Hyett, his grandfather, lately deceased. [*Ibid. No. 77.*]
Bishop's
Palace,
Gloucester.

Nov. 25. Warrant for naturalizing the ship *James* of Belfast. [*Calendared in S.P. Col., America, &c., 1669-1674, p. 275. S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 127.*]

Nov. 25. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. The workmen that wrought in the Forest have been with me several times about their money stopped on Captain Greene's complaint, as to which I desire your directions, and also desire some money to purchase small matters here to keep the men employed; blocks are wanted, and blockmakers want materials. No seasoned timber is now to be had, and what is green requires time to dry after it is cut to scantlings. The *Yarmouth* is still in dock, there having been no tide this spring to float her. The *Anne* yacht is waiting for a wind. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 301, No. 43.*]
Portsmouth.

Nov. 25. Christopher Andrewes to the same. Requesting that about twenty loads of timber beyond his contract be received, and offering a further 500 loads. [*Ibid. No. 44.*]

Nov. 25. Sir G. Rawdon to Viscount Conway. I know not what to do about getting a patent for the government, doubting the Lord Lieutenant will consult how it may consist with the liking of the Lord and Lady, who is powerful at present, and not approve of any letter to the purpose of the enclosed, which I have extracted out of former patents, particularly Lord Dungannon's, which was for the whole province. In it was an exception of the government of Carrickfergus and the County Antrim, but Lord Donegal's has most of the County Down in it also, as the Claneboys, Ards, Dufferin, Killwarlin, Killulta, &c., then all called the countries, counties being since settled and distinguished, and Killulta brought into County Antrim. And that patent of Lord Dungannon's was stopped
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at least a year before the Duke of Ormonde would pass it, I think, because there was no limitation that the command should be according to such orders as the Lord Lieutenant should give concerning the part of the army quartered in that province. Also Lord Dungannon's is during pleasure, Lord Donegal's for life. On all these doubts I advise that you pass it in England, though it may be more chargeable; but if you think fit, I will send over all copies of former patents and precedents. I cannot foresee any advantage thereby, but that none other may lord it over those under his government, for Lord Dungannon found a great deal of trouble by it, and no profit, the Tories and other occasions necessitating his taking several journeys into the province. I shall leave the copies with Mr. Neill, as I expect my sons next week, and to go home with them the week after. Exchange is now 8 per cent. We are more undone in this poor kingdom by a late Act, that all goods from America, Africa, and Asia are to be landed after last Michaelmas at some port of England or Wales and pay custom there or forfeit ship and goods, than we were by restraint of our cattle trade. We want a Lauderdale, &c., at Court for the watching for Ireland as they do for Scotland. I am to stay a week for an arbitration here between my daughter Hill and her brother[-in-law], and about a trouble Sir John Trevor has given me about land at Moira, sold by Lord Dungannon, that he had no title to. My wife goes abroad, but is still very weak. Next Tuesday we commemorate our deliverance 28 November 1641 at Lisburn, where I cannot be, though I have just cause of thankfulness that my life was then given me as a prey. Our new undertakers have a clause in their contract of the benefit by compositions for the 1,000*l.* payable to every '49 lot, and most are subscribing, so I think I shall do so for your lordship and myself. We shall be secured about 380*l.* above deductions for the year's value, fees, &c., to be paid us within six months. [2 pages. *Conway Papers. S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 237.*]

- Nov. 25. R. Leigh to Williamson. No letters from England since the 11th, Dublin. five packets being now due, by reason of the contrary winds. The Lord Chancellor approves of my reason for deferring to move in the business of your salary. I shall send, if I can, your law books by some of Lord Fitz-harding's people, who is crossing to-night or to-morrow. [*Ibid. No. 238.*]
- Nov. 26. John, Lord Lovelace, to Williamson. Begging him, if he possibly Hurl[ey]. can, to keep Mr. Jinnings from being sheriff of Berks, as he has only a small estate. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 78.*]
- Nov. 26. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts have no news. Portsmouth. [*Ibid. No. 79.*]
- Nov. 26. Matthew Wren to the Navy Commissioners. Requesting that provisions for six weeks be sent to the *Falcon* in the Downs. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 301, No. 45.*]
- Nov. 26. W. Bodham to the Navy Commissioners. Enclosing the deposi- Woolwich tions of several workmen charging with robbery of stores Thomas Ropeyard. Lacy, the worker of the twice-laid stuff, who on being told of it

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that morning posted to the Navy Office, giving out that the first oath would be worth six that came after, and submitting how dangerous such a fellow might be in a yard. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 301, No. 46.*] *Enclosed,*

The said examinations, all dated the 26th, except one of the 22nd, charging Lacy with various embezzlements. Noted by Pepys that they were sworn to before him at the Navy Board. [Ibid. No. 461.]

Nov. 26. Reference to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury of the petition of Richard Screven, one of the Commissioners for the Royal Aid for Salop, desiring a release from the payment of his debt. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 37, p. 11.*]

Nov. 26. Reference to the same of Lord Newport's petition desiring a grant and confirmation of the hundred of Bradford. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 26. Recommendation to the same of the Earl of Carlisle's petition to join him equally with Lord Townshend in the coal farm. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 27. [Nathaniel Osborne] to James Hickes. Since Mr. Trenchard's death Sir John Turberville has sent to Poole to be chosen in his place, and Colonel Strangeways desires the same for his son Thomas. The former had no encouragement from the town, the latter some, if Lord Ashley preferred none to them. It seems they displeased him in the last choice, and now would make him their friend again. Shipping news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 80.*]

Nov. 27. Dr. J. Fell to Sir Leoline Jenkins. When we desired you to join in our undertaking, we had no thought of engaging you in hazard or expense, desiring only the patronage of yourself and Mr. Williamson. Though you are both so generous, as yet there will be no need of incommoding yourself. Dr. Marshall assures me that our workman in Holland is so employed that there is little hope of being furnished all at once. If we have credit in London, which I suppose will not be difficult to have on his correspondent in Amsterdam, our payments will only keep pace with the delivery of our commodity. This was my course formerly in buying the letters and matrices from Holland. Besides, I have so drawn up the bill that, if we are supplied therewith and have a founder in any time, I hope we shall need nothing further from abroad, and the expense of this will not much exceed 200*l.*, for which we need not trouble our friends. It has always been my opinion that a good founder and stock of letters must be first secured, and then it will be seasonable to resolve what and how much we should set in hand with. Meanwhile it will be useful to know what quarter may be expected in Westminster Hall. [*2 pages. Ibid. No. 81.*]

Nov. 27. Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. The *Concord*, arrived to-day from the Barbadoes in five weeks and three days, reports a great hurricane on 10 October. Its violence lasted but three hours, but did great damage, blowing down their sugar canes and mills. Nine ships were driven ashore, but three of them were got off again with some loss. [*Ibid. No. 82.*]

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Nov. 27. Hugh Acland to James Hiekes. Thanking him for his kindness.
Truro. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 294, No. 83.]
- Nov. 27. Richard Watts to Williamson. Shipping news. [*Ibid.* No. 84.]
Deal.
- Nov. 27. Dr. Thomas Vyner to Williamson. We have no uproar, but
Gloucester. great thoughts of heart beat the breasts of many. Beloved Charter is resigned to his Majesty's pleasure, because, say the Mayor-making party, the King will have it so, for their wisdoms cannot concur with the Council's judgment that it is forfeited. However, Alderman Wagstaff and Mr. Gittings attend to-morrow to surrender the Charter on humble knee to the King, with Colonel Norwood, &c., to introduce them. I hope the alterations intended will be as well for the settlement of the Church as the City. We have had hard measure from our approved Aldermen Justices, when they had power by the late Act to assess us. Indeed, they have much showed their unjust spleen to the Church as well as their disloyalty to his Majesty. I desire your advice and Lord Arlington's whether on the renewal of the Charter there might be hopes of the revival of our old exemption from the City jurisdiction. I came to town to-night, and find nobody left here but Jews and Samaritans. There is such disorder (for want of civil power in our precincts) in the church these winter nights, that by the noises of people, who come only for that purpose, neither voice nor organ can be heard during divine service at night. Cheapside at high market is a more private place for devotion than this despised church. [2¼ pages. *Ibid.* No. 85.]
- Nov. 27. Warrant for a grant to Nathaniel Barnard of goods and chattels value 69*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.*, and 8*l.* and 50*l.* and 225*l.* in money, seized by the sheriff of Middlesex as the property of George Rythe, of St. Andrew's, Holborn, outlawed in London at his suit and that of Jane his wife, executrix of Rich. Thompson, in two pleas of debt for 200*l.* and 520*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 36, p. 57.]
- Nov. 27. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing the payment to Sir Fretchville Hollis on account, for repairing and carrying on the works and fortifications at Kinsale, of 1,000*l.* out of the first moneys received on the balance of Sir G. Carteret's accounts, or any other moneys which are excepted out of the covenants with Viscount Ranelagh and his partners. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 8, p. 178.]
- Nov. 28. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Yesterday the *Anne* yacht,
Portsmouth. being rebuilt, went to the Thames. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 294, No. 86.]
- Nov. 28. Richard Watts to Williamson. The *Anne* yacht arrived in the
Deal. Downs to-day. [*Ibid.* No. 87.]
- Nov. 28. Silas Taylor to Henry Ball. Shipping news. [*Ibid.* No. 88.]
Harwich.
- Nov. 28. Licence for Sir William Waile, High Sheriff of Leicestershire, to live out of his county. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, f. 81.]

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Nov. 28. Warrant for a pardon to Butler Buggin, clerk or attorney in the Remembrancer's Office in the Exchequer, for delivering out a bond and vouching a judgment to have been entered for the same. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 34, f. 128, and S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 89.*]
Docquet thereof, dated December. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 159.*]
- Nov. 28. Warrant to Sir Thomas Ingram, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, to order a grant to George, Duke of Buckingham, Master of the Horse, and his heirs, for 60 years, of the offices of master of the game, master forester, and ranger of Enfield Chace, Middlesex, and of steward and bailiff of the manor, on the surrender by Charles, Lord Gerard of Brandon, gentleman of the bedchamber. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 36, f. 60.*]
- Nov. 28. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I shall
Portsmouth. inquire more of the purveyor into the business of the New Forest, and as soon as I can, I will ride to see the goods near Salisbury mentioned in Captain Greene's report. About a fortnight ago I gave Purvell, the master caulker, leave to go to Bristol. On his return last night he gave me the enclosed information, and this morning I took the other two examinations, and Tovey, being a townsman, is committed to the town prison; the other, belonging to the ordinary, I have put in the bilboes on board the *Royal James*. I presume you have heard of the seizure at Bristol, which caused Purvell to hasten back, that Tovey might be secured. I desire your directions herein. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 301, No. 47.*]
- Nov. 28. John Russell to the same. Informing them that he had received at Deptford the stores mentioned in their warrant of the 23rd. [*Ibid. No. 48.*]
- Nov. 28. Captain Anthony Deane to Samuel Pepys. In answer to yours
London. of the 24th, the practice has always been that as soon as order comes from the Board to enter men, I procure the fittest I know, and go or send to the clerk of the cheque, who enters them till the warrant be fulfilled, and the like upon a discharge; and the Commissioner on the place never interrupted this proceeding, being the ancient custom of the Navy ever since I knew it; and so for the extra allowance as the men deserve. [*Ibid. No. 49.*]
- Nov. [28 ?] Commissioner Tippetts to the same. In answer to yours of the 25th, when orders come from the Board to the master shipwright to proceed on the works according to survey, if he considers it cannot be done within the time with the help he has in the yard, he demands from the Board a supply of so many men, which is granted to procure them or a press-master to impress them, and the clerk of the cheque is ordered to enter them accordingly; but in time of great action, the master shipwright has been ordered to get all he can and the clerk of the cheque to enter them. Only I never to my knowledge put any such order from the Board into execution, without acquainting the Commissioner on the place, if there were one. If such Commissioner suspects that orders are not executed as they ought to be, or that insufficient men or supernumeraries are enter-

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tained, it is in his purview to continue or discharge men so entertained as he thinks fit, and this I have done, and think it part of my duty as Commissioner, but I have not caused the entry of any, which is the master shipwright's duty, who ought to be responsible for the sufficiency of the men. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II*, 301, No. 50.]

Nov. 29. [Nathaniel Osborne] to James Hickes. The *David*, in seventeen days from Oporto, reports that all was quiet in Portugal, and that two more Brazil men and seven Newfoundland men had arrived. Colonel Strangwayes went to Poole yesterday. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II*. 294, No. 90.]

Nov. 29. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. Shipping news. The *Speedwell* that was cast away is so much bilged that she cannot be got off again. [*Ibid.* No. 91.]

Nov. 29. Dr. Butler to Williamson. Requesting him with all possible speed to solicit for this poor man whose petition he has drawn himself. [*Ibid.* No. 92.]

Nov. 29. Sir William Hartopp to Williamson. Complaining that the Excise men are so strict on the last additional Act that most ale brewers give it over, and the farmer cannot sell his barley or malt. The ale brewers in villages are poor people; the Excise men no longer agree with them (as formerly they did by the month). They weigh the vessels with false weights, and keep no office in market-towns as they ought. The justices will not, or dare not, meddle. Malt is now at the lowest rate within the memory of man; how will it be, when at a higher rate? I am confident the fourth person cannot brew at all; the farmer, the great body in the nation, must be at a loss. That second prorogation hath done the feat; woe to that man who cannot pay all his debts before next Midsummer. [*Ibid.* No. 93.]

Nov. 29. Warrant for a grant to Sir George Reeve, Bart., and his heirs, of two yearly fairs at Thwayte, Suffolk, such grant being proved by inquisition not to be prejudicial. [*Ibid.* No. 94, and *S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 128.]

Docquet thereof, dated 17 February. [*Docquets*, Vol. 25, No. 186.]

Nov. 29. Warrant to Sir John Howell, Recorder, and the Sheriffs of London, to insert Eliz. Longman, condemned at the Old Bailey for felony, and under sentence of death in Newgate, but respited, being found quick with child, in the next pardon, for transportation to the foreign plantations, allowing her to transport herself at her own charges. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, f. 55.]

Nov. 29. Privy Seal for 45,000*l.* to the Privy Purse without account or imprest. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 34, f. 127.]

Nov. 29. Warrant for a licence to Sir Thos. Delves, Bart, to enclose 2,000 acres of his own land and pasture in the parishes of Dodington, Weston, &c., Cheshire, and to have free warren therein. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 36, p. 56.]

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Nov. 29. Order on the petition of Sir John Pettus, desiring that a *caveat* be entered by Mr. Franklin, the King's proctor, against the administratrixship of Lady Elizabeth, relict of his brother Sir Thomas Pettus, who was found guilty of manslaughter, and whose pardon, though granted, was not completed before his death, till his Majesty's title to the estate be fully heard and the petitioner's allegations in his own and his Majesty's behalf, that the *caveat* be entered accordingly, and the said allegations be heard by the Lord Chief Baron and Sir Leoline Jenkins. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 37, p. 12.*]
- Nov. 29. Francis Baylie to the Navy Commissioners. Excusing himself
Bristol. for a mistake in his last of the 18th about the number of planks left with him, and stating that he would send by next post the prices he is willing to take for the timber offered in his last. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 301, No. 51.*]
- Nov. 29. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing him to have the
Whitehall. respite of gathering the quit rents and arrears due from the estate of Sir Henry O'Neile, directed by the order in Council of 27 August 1669, continued until further pleasure, notwithstanding the death of the said Sir Henry. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol. 8, p. 181.*]
- Nov. 30. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford nothing of
Portsmouth. news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 95.*]
- Nov. 30. Richard Watts to Williamson. Shipping news. There was a
Deal. report to-day of a peace with Algiers. [*Ibid. No. 96.*]
- Nov. 30. Thomas Braithwaite to Williamson. Wishing that in the two
Enham. MSS. to be presented to him by the bearer, Mr. Addison, he may find something pleasing or profitable, and asking him to contrive to get his son into Winchester College, who is under eleven, being told by some that twelve is young enough to enter him amongst such company. [*Ibid. No. 97.*]
- Nov. 30. The King to the Commissioners of the Privy Seal. Warrant for letters to the Keeper of the Great Seal to pass a grant to Charles, Lord St. John of Basing, his heirs and assigns, of the keepership of Petersham House and the walk in Richmond Park appertaining thereto, and also of an annual pension of 50*l.*, both to be held for the lives of the said Lord St. John and his son Charles Paulet, and the life of the survivor. [*On parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II., Case C.*]
- Docquet of the said grant, dated November. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 143.*]
- Nov. 30. State of the packet-boats between England and Holland, presented to Lord Arlington. Giving a history of the service since its establishment in 1661, and complaining that a rival packet-boat has been established at the Brille, upon the same service, by the Postmaster of Amsterdam, which has transported nineteen passengers when the English boat with the mails had but one, and so the mails are diminished, because the passengers gather letters to defray their passage, and go by the rival packet to escape discovery, so that

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they lose the letters, because they are unable to keep the passengers ; and praying that Lord Arlington will take such course as he shall think best with the States' Ministers, to procure the withdrawal of the said packet-boat. [2 $\frac{1}{4}$ pages. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 294, No. 98.]

Nov. 30. Reference to the Lord Keeper of the petition of Colonel Thomas Howard of Berks and Thomas Howard of Escrick, desiring the custody of the person and estate of William Knight, a lunatic, with an expression of the King's desire that the petitioners may be gratified. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 37, p. 13.]

Nov. 30. Commissioner Cox to the Navy Commissioners. Enclosing a
Chatham. contract for bricks and lime. Tallow, brooms, candles, and thrums are much wanted, also compass and knee timber and elm timber. Directions are prayed about contracting for them ; the owners will sell only for ready money. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 301, No. 52.] *Enclosed,*

Nov 29. *Contract by John Shawe to supply 30,000 bricks at 17s. per 1,000 and 12 loads of lime at 13s. a load. [Ibid. No. 52L.]*

Nov. 30. Commissioner Tippetts to the same. Tovey has informed me of
Portsmouth. two persons employed about the cordage seized at Bristol, whose examinations are enclosed. I shall try to discover when the theft was committed, and so to know what officer's turn it then was to be on board. The beech plank from the Severn proves very well. Plank is much wanted. I suggest buying what Mr. Coles formerly offered, and desire that we may have the treenails we want from him. [*Ibid. No. 53.*]

Nov. Account by Captain Leggett of the *Norwich* of how he disposed of the tickets sent him. [*Ibid. No. 54.*]

[Nov. 20-30.] Order to the Mayor, Jurats, and Common Council of Dover, from his Royal Highness, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. After reciting the disturbances of 27 October, and that by order in Council the Mayor and four petitioners appeared before the Lord Warden on the 20th of this instant November, and that it appeared that in the 20th year of Elizabeth, at an assembly of the Commonalty of Dover, it was decreed that thenceforth vacancies in the Common Council be filled up by the Mayor and Jurats, and vacancies among the Jurats by the Mayor and Jurats out of the Common Council, recommending to be elected a Jurat and to be elected Common Council men, and ordering that the Mayor and freemen do not hereafter endeavour to alter the government of the Corporation for making by-laws and election of officers, but that the power thereof shall continue in the Mayor, Jurats, and 37 Common Council men, and that the expenses of the witnesses before the Lord Warden be borne by the Corporation. [*Draft, with blanks for the names of the persons recommended. 3 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 294, No. 99.]

Nov. Warrant to pay to Charles, Lord St. John, and others, the late intended Farmers of the Customs, 5,000*l.* and interest. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 145.*]

Nov. Grant to James Hamilton of the office of Keeper of Hyde Park. [*Ibid. No. 146.*]

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Warrant to pay to Sir Wm. Godolphin, Ambassador to Spain, 1,500*l.* for his equipage, 10*l.* *per diem* for his entertainment, and his extraordinaries to commence from Michaelmas last. [*Docquets, Vol. 25, No. 148.*]

Nov.

Warrant to pay to Sir Robert Vyner and Edward Backwell 2,500*l.* apiece, with interest at 6 per cent. *per annum* from the date each advanced 10,000 French crowns to the late Duchess of Orleans. [*Ibid.*]

Nov.

Licence to Lord Arlington to impark 2,000 acres of land in the parishes of Ewston, Little and Great Fakenham, Sapiston, and Conny Weston, co. Suffolk, with grant of free warren. [*Ibid. No. 149.*]

Nov.

Warrant to pay to Sir Stephen Fox 4,113*l.* 4*s.* *per annum* for the regiment late in Bardadoes, 91*l.* *per annum* for Edmond Andros their Major, and 182*l.* *per annum* for the Lieutenant-Governor of Windsor Castle. [*Ibid. No. 150.*]

Nov.

Warrant to pay 10,000*l.* in such proportions and for such uses as the King shall direct. [*Ibid. No. 151.*]

Nov.

Warrant to pay to the Cofferer of the Household 100,000*l.* for the expenses thereof, and 10,000*l.* for interest of the same as it shall be advanced. [*Ibid.*]

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Warrant to pay to Claud de Grange, one of the King's French musicians among the violins, 100*l.* yearly. [*Ibid.*]

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Henry Brounker to Lord Arlington. I waited upon you that afternoon, but found so many there that I concluded I could not speak with you before renewing my cold, as I did the last time I waited on you. On my way I called at Lady Cleveland's, who desired me to inform you that she had asked the King for leave for Sir Thomas Modyford's son to visit his father, which he had promised to order, if you will command Mr. Williamson to remind him of it. She also commanded me to tell you a ballote from France, directed to the French Ambassador, but not for him, will be at the Custom House to-morrow morning, and that the King wishes you to write to the Commissioners to deliver it to the bearer of the order. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 100.*]

[Nov. ?]

Request to Lord [Arlington] to get Edward Herle of Cornwall excused from being sheriff the following year, he having been lately, and continuing, very ill. He has lately given most of his estate to his eldest son on his marriage, reserving but a third for himself and his other children, who are very numerous, besides being much in debt. The names of six persons that will serve are given. [*Ibid. No. 100A*]

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Two similar statements that Thomas Morgan of Llanrumney, co. Monmouth, married to the sister of William Morgan of Machen, though a J.P., has not acted as such for several years; having been in a deep consumption with convulsions and other distempers, and having been unable to leave his chamber, or to move without help,

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for upwards of two years, is therefore incapable of performing the office of sheriff. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 294, Nos: 100B, 100C.]

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Request by Geoffrey Howland of Streatham, Surrey, who is first of the three names for Essex, to be excused from serving, having been sheriff for Surrey in 1659 and 1660, and for Suffolk in 1668, and being fourscore years old and very infirm. [*Ibid.* No. 100D.]

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Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson, of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the wind, &c. :—

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101	Nov. 1	2	0	1	N.	
102	" 2	2	Two gone thro'.	1	E.	
103	" 4	2	0	1	N.	
104	" 5	2	2 and one gone thro'.	1	E.	
105	" 6	2	0	1	N.E.	
106	" 9	2	0	1	N.E.	Weather stormy.
107	" 11	2	2	1	N.W.	
108	" 14	3	7	9	N.W.	
109 & 110	} " 16	5	16	6	S.W.	(The second copy of this list is directed to Matthew Wren.)
111	" 17	4	16	6	—	
112	" 19	—	The ships in last list and one more.	4	W.	
113	" 20	3	25	3	W.	
114	" 21	3	28	2	S.W.	
115	" 22	3	36	3	S.W.	
116	" 23	Same and two more.	Same with one exception.	4	S.W.	
117	" 24	5	34	3	S.W.	
118	" 25	5	37	4	S.W.	
119	" 26	3	—	3	N.W.	The outward-bound fleet have all sailed, or are preparing to do so.
120	" 27	4	—	4	S.W.	The fleet that sailed yesterday are all coming back.
121	" 29	4	37	1	S.W.	On the back, in Williamson's hand, "Sir Robert Southwell's cipher for Sir G[eorge] D[owning]."

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[Jan. 1.] Draft of the Earl of Lindsey's pass, calendared *ante*, p. 1. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 3A.]

[Jan. 5.] Draft of the warrant to the Lord Lieutenant in favour of Michael Ward, calendared *ante*, p. 7. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 3A.]

[Jan. 11.] Draft of the warrant to Lord Aungier, calendared *ante*, p. 18. [*Ibid.* No. 3B.]

[Jan. 11.] Draft of the King's letter in favour of William Robinson, calendared *ante*, p. 18. [*Ibid.* No. 3C.]

Jan. 15. The Quakers of Nottingham to the King and both Houses of Parliament. We have much clearness to present our suffering condition unto you, though sensible that many of our friends and brethren are deeply exercised in the same trial with us, which has been presented to you in a general manner; but as our sufferings are carried on by persons who do not seem to be sensible either of law, equity, or mercy, we cannot but lay before you the sad effects produced by their means, and which are likely to be continued, if not prevented by you; for we do not perceive that they who first put their hands to the work against us, and who were encouraged by your Act, intend to spare us while we have anything they can take from us, and many of us have already been left in a very low estate, having lost corn, cattle, and household goods, so that we are as a people seemingly appointed to a day of outward distress, in a high degree.

We were once capable of doing good to others, and have relieved many in their wants, and paid our taxes to the King, and our rents to whom they were due, and maintained considerable families in a comfortable manner, but are now made incapable of doing such things, through the violence of men who pretend they have your Act for what they do. We hope that the serious consideration of your own concernment may stop all future proceedings in the desolation of so many honest families, and that you may cause those who are ruining us to cease from their violence, for we are grieved to see how men act daily against us to their own hurt, besides the sorrow that attends us to see our own children and families deprived of a comfortable livelihood.

We do not know that we have ever given just occasion why it should be so done to us, having clear consciences in the sight of God for having any intention against you; we must needs say that we are afflicted innocently. O King and Parliament, remember the time of your own adversity, and how a way was made for you to come into your places of authority, and be merciful as God has showed mercy unto you. But we continue to suffer. As the informers clear one place, they go to another, and some Justice appears ready to answer

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their minds, so we are compelled to complain to this great assembly. If you do well, it will be well with you; but if you afflict the innocent, the Holy One will turn against you. Oh, consider the end for which you have power, and make use of it for the benefit of all under it, and give glory to Christ Jesus, who is King and Lord, that by your means the whole nation may be settled in love, peace, and quietness. [*Printed broad sheet, 217 signatures, of which nearly half are those of women. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 287, No. 69A.*]

[Jan. 18.] Colonel Richard Talbot, in the behalf of his Majesty's most distressed subjects of the kingdom of Ireland, who were outed of their estates by the late usurped governments and are not yet restored. Petition, showing that the petitioners, upon his Majesty's happy restoration, hoped to return into the lands and possessions whereof they were for their loyalty to his Majesty and his royal father of blessed memory dispossessed by the late usurped powers, and to partake in the advantages of liberty and property, the birthrights of the people, which others happily enjoy under his Majesty's most benign government, the petitioners having with great fidelity served and suffered for his Majesty in the greatest trials both at home and abroad, but their misfortunes are such that, for want of a full and just representation of their case, their estates are hitherto (contrary to his Majesty's declared intentions in their favour) possessed by others, and themselves exposed to extreme exigencies, groaning these many years last past under the unsupportable burden of misery and poverty for want of subsistence, and have no refuge left them but to prostrate themselves at his Majesty's feet for justice and compassion, and praying that some impartial and uninterested persons might be appointed to hear their grievances and to make report to his Majesty what they find to be the true state of the petitioners' present case and condition, and that in the *interim* his Majesty might be pleased to give order to stop the granting away any lands undisposed of in Ireland until his Majesty has taken his final resolution concerning the petitioners. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 5A.*] *Annexed,*

Several instances wherein clauses enacted and confirmed by his Majesty's declaration of the first Act of Settlement are repealed and made void by the second.

(These are the cases of the children of Philip Hore, of Patrick Sarsfield, Patrick Colclough, and of those transplanted into Connaught, the obstruction of the benefit by free grants, the possession in May 1659 being a sufficient proof of title, and the confirmation to soldiers not of General Monck's army, all which instances sufficiently appear by Sir H. Finch's statement printed in Carte, Life of Ormonde, Vol. ii., Appendix, pages 78-80.) [Ibid. No. 5A I.]

[Jan. 22.] The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Directing payment of 400*l.* to Joseph Deane, Deputy Postmaster-General of Ireland, in the terms of the warrant of that date, calendared *ante*, p. 38. [*Draft. Ibid. No. 8A.*]

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[Jan. 23.] Draft of the King's letter about Duncannon Fort, calendared *ante*, p. 42. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 9A.]

[Jan. 25.] Draft of the warrant in favour of Sir E. Deering, or Dering, calendared *ante*, p. 50. [*Ibid.* No. 11A.]

[Jan. 2-25.] Account of the Act proposed to confirm an agreement between Lord and Lady Stafford and their copyhold tenants of Thornbury, Oldbury, and Falfield, whereby many regulations beneficial to the tenants are introduced, none to be bound thereby but such as subscribe the agreement, in order to avoid law suits between the tenants and Lord Stafford, who holds the property in right of his wife, notice having been given to all persons concerned to appear before the Committee the 2nd of this instant January. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 287, No. 124A. *See Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 194.*]

Feb. 15. Particulars of fee-farm rents issuing from lands at Banbury. [*The greater part torn off. Ibid.* No. 220A.]

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Feb. 24. Sir C. Ha[rbord] to [the Commissioners for the sale of fee farm rents ?]. By order of the Commissioners of the Treasury desiring a brief abstract of the lands and hereditaments not exposed [for sale ?] by the late Act of Parliament as are before them and are not part of the Queen's jointure or the jointure of the Queen mother deceased, and of the leases thereof. [*Ibid.* No. 252A.]

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[Feb. ?] Colonel William Carlos to the King. Petition stating that he had procured a grant in reversion after Edw. Egleston, then ill and since dead, of a King's waiter's place in the Customs, but Egleston since made a surrender ante-dated, and begging a stop of the grant on the said surrender, or his Majesty may never have such places in disposal. [*See ante*, p. 108. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 288, No. 14A.]

March 26. Lord Mayor Sir Richard Ford to Lord Arlington. Since sending the treasonable letter which was shown by a Quaking porter, I have found a woman who owns that she gave it to the porter, and that she found it in a street in St. Bartholomew's Close. I have caused diligent inquiry to be made in every house in and near St. Laurence Lane for John Gardiner, to whom the letter was directed, but cannot discover him. I gave notice to the Farmers of the Customs of what the letter designed against them; they say that they had lately dismissed some dangerous persons from their service, and that, if shown the letter, they might discover the author. I have the porter and woman in custody, and wait your commands how to dispose of them. [*Ibid.* No. 125A.] *Probably annexed,*

Note about Jane Griffiths, calendared ante, p. 163. [*Ibid.* No. 165.]

March 29. The trustees for the sale of fee-farm rents to ——. Informing them that William Bearblock, purchaser of a rent issuing out of the rectory of Wrangle, co. Lincoln, is entitled to the rent for the half-year ending Lady Day last. [*Torn. Ibid.* No. 151A.]

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[March ?] Humphrey Leigh, serjeant-at-arms attending the Great Seal, to the King. Petition for leave to nominate his successor, having held the office above fifty years under nine Lord Chancellors and Lord Keepers, and having attended the late King at all the battles where he was present, and having been left for dead at Naseby. [See grant of the office, *calendared ante*, p. 164. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.*, 288, No. 166.]

April 18. Note of a surrender of the Great Park [at Windsor] dated that day. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 69A.]

[April ?] Account of the case of Walter Clement, attorney. [*Calendared in S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 1667-68, p. 141, but see *ante*, pp. 120 and 193. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 230, No. 53.]

[April ?] Sir Edward Scott to the King. Petition stating that the petitioner having faithfully served his Majesty both at home and abroad, had been recommended to the Duke of Ormonde to have some fortune settled on him in the settlement of Ireland, but had never got anything since the Restoration, and that the lands mentioned in the annexed schedule, formerly the inheritance of some of the petitioner's near relations, were at his Majesty's disposal, and praying a grant of the same in fee simple. [See *ante*, p. 207. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 71A.] *Annexed,*

The said schedule, comprising lands in the baronies of Iffa and Offa, in Tipperary, formerly part of the lot of Dick and Cunningham. [Ibid. No. 71A I.]

May 9. Draft or copy of the King's letter concerning Thomas and Henry Howard, *calendared ante*, p. 225. [*Dated 9 May 1672, but in the 23rd year of our reign, therefore 1671. Ibid. No. 79A.*]

[May ?] Duplicate of the petition of Edmund Carent, *calendared ante*, p. 226. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 289, No. 193A.]

[May 12.] Two drafts of Sir Robert Southwell's pass, *calendared ante*, p. 232. [*Ibid. Nos. 211A, 211B.*]

[May 13.] A third draft or copy of the King's letter in favour of Col. Talbot, *calendared ante*, p. 239. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 330, No. 85A.]

[May 18.] Enclosed in Richard Gibson's letter of that date, *calendared ante*, p. 249,

Two copies of five warrants from Sir E. Spragg to Gibson, dated respectively 31 March, 6, 10, and 12 April, and 15 May, concerning issuing tallow to pursers, building a storehouse, providing shoes for seamen, payments to the newly appointed smith, and an agreement with the surgeon of the Golden Hand to look after the sick and wounded put on shore at 5s. a man. [4 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II. 298, Nos. 48II, 48III.]

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May 22. The King to the Warden and Electors of New College and Winchester College. Recommending Arthur, son of Sir Lancelot Lake, now a scholar at Winchester College, for a scholarship at New College at the next election. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book 27, f. 166.*]

[May 23.] Draft of the warrant for a grant to John Ferrars, calendared *ante*, p. 264. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 290, No. 35A.*]

May 27. Robert Blayney to Mr. Auditor Morrice. By direction of the Inner Temple. trustees for the sale of fee-farm rents requesting an exact particular of the rent issuing out of Dalbury, co. Derby. [*Ibid. No. 56A.*]

[May ?] [Sir Charles Lee to Sir Robert Reynolds (?).] Before I left Warwickshire, Lord Conway, who presents his service to you and my sister, showed me a letter from Lady Dungannon. She refers her whole business to him, but if you can spare her the last 500*l.* six months longer, you will do her a great kindness, having had to pay so much since her husband's death. She will do whatever Lord Conway advises. [*Extract. Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 80A.*]

May 30. Sir Robert Reynolds to Viscount Conway. I blush that your noble endeavours between Lady Dungannon and myself should give you so much trouble, especially now, when the best of women lies so heavy upon your thoughts. Sir Charles Lee, finding the 530*l.* appointed by you to be paid me last November still unpaid, tells me the day before he went for Hampshire, he desired you to write to Bevis Floyd, who has the money all this while, to pay it me forthwith, in part of your order, which was 530*l.* last November and 515*l.* this May. I humbly beseech you, when you write to Mr. Floyd or Lady Dungannon, to let them know what you have determined herein long since, and that by your intervention I have consented to stay six months longer for the last 515*l.*, to be then paid with interest and the mortgage bond delivered up. [*Conway Papers. Ibid. No. 80B.*]

[June ?] Duplicate of the petition of Alice and Luce Byron, calendared *ante*, p. 292. [*Ibid. No. 109A.*]

June 6. Richard Lightfoot to Thomas Raban. By direction of the Inner Temple. trustees for the sale of fee-farm rents requesting an exact particular of the rents issuing out of Church Lawton, Cheshire, and the manor of Keel, Staffordshire. [*Ibid. No. 150A.*]

[Sept. 20.] Draft of the warrant for the delivery of the records, &c., concerning the settlement of Ireland to Sir James Shaen, calendared *ante*, p. 494. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II. 330, No. 204A.*]

[Sept. 20.] Draft of the King's letter to Lord Hatton, calendared *ante*, p. 492. [*S.P. Channel Islands, Vol. 9, No. 8A.*]

[Before Sept. 20.] Note that the order for Wm. le Marchant's restoration to the office of a jurat of Guernsey might recite that before the renewal of

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privileges of the island, he was put into office by the late Lord Hatton, in place of Peter Carey. That he has as good a right as any of the other jurats, who sat not by election, but by the King's order. Carey being dead, he was restored, but suspended pending information why Carey was put out. That, by le Marchant's restoration, the King does not mean to infringe the privileges of the islanders, who are in future to enjoy freedom of election according to their charter. [*S.P. Channel Islands, Vol. 9., No. 8B.*]

Sept. 28. Richard Lightfoot to Mr. Auditor Morrice. Two letters giving
Inner Temple. him notice by direction of the trustees for the sale of fee-farm rents that William Young and John Buckworth, the respective purchasers of fee-farm rents issuing out of a tenement in Saxilby and the manor of Gedney Abbots, both in Lincolnshire, are entitled to the half-year's rents due at Michaelmas. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 292, Nos. 61A., 61B.*]

Sept. 30. Tender by Mr. Harrington for supplying 457 spruce deals and 6,000 treenails. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II., 300, No 59A.*]

Oct. 10. Robert Blayney to Mr. Auditor Morrice. Two letters giving him notice by direction of the trustees for the sale of fee-farm rents that Nathaniel Booth and Robert Clayton, the respective purchasers of fee-farm rents issuing out of the town of Mottram Andrew, in the hundred of Macclesfield, Cheshire, and the manors of Barney and Tupholm, co. Lincoln, are entitled to the rents due last Michaelmas. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 293, Nos. 110A, 110B.*]

[Oct. ?] Note that Jones murdered his mother at Monmouth, and that her estate of about 100*l.* a year, to which he was entitled on her decease, now comes to the King. Endorsed "Fr. Rogers." [*See caveat calendared ante, p. 534. Ibid. No. 163A.*]

Nov. Richard Lightfoot to Mr. Auditor Morrice. By direction of the trustees for the sale of fee-farm rents, desiring him to send them a particular of the rents he thinks convenient to be reserved for the pensions and other stipends contained in the particular already transmitted. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II. 294, No. 99A.*]

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[Nov. ?] [Claude ?] de Grange, or des Granges, to the King. Petition, praying as Tomkins the harpsichord player is dead, and there are many that play thereon, that the place may be changed into that of a bass, which is wanting in the King's music, and conferred on the petitioner. [*See ante, p. 592. Ibid. No. 100E.*]

[Nov. ?] Similar petition of the same in French. [*Ibid. No. 100F.*]

[Nov. ?] The same to Lord Arlington. Praying him to present his petition, and to speak to the King in his favour. The salary is only 40*l.*, but will give him a footing at Court. [*Ibid. No. 100G.*]

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Several letters, all dated from the Inner Temple, from Richard Lightfoot to Mr. Auditor Morrice, by the direction of the trustees for the sale of fee-farm rents, requesting an exact particular of the rents issuing out of the following lands:—

Date.	Lands.	Volume. S.P. Dom., Car. II.	No.
June 8 - -	Tenement in High Pavement, co. Notts - -	290	170A
June 22 - -	Manor of Dousby, co. Lincoln - -		
	Lands lately belonging to the College of } Tattershall, co. Lincoln - - -	291	38A
June 23 - -	Alverton, co. Notts - - - - -	291	38B
June 28 - -	Willome Grange, co. Notts - - - - -	291	64A
Sept. 22 - -	Manor of Gedney Abbots, co. Lincoln - -	293	30A
Nov. 14 - -	Manor of Lower Withington - -		
	Ravensmore - - - - - } co. Cheshire -	294	80A
	Advowson of Badeley - - - - -		
Nov. - -	Mercaston and Summer Cotes, co. Derby -	294	99B
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- Page 5, line 26, } *for "346" read "330."*
 " 6, " 25, }
 " 10, " 17, *for "Lindsey" read "Lindsay."*
 " 13, " 24, *for "Lyons" read "Lyons."*
 " 17, " 26, *for "Bower" read "Bowen."*
 " 20, 19 lines from bottom, *for "346" read "330."*
 " 22, line 16, *for "Mayor" read "Mayors."*
 " 23, " 14, *for "346" read "330."*
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 " 24, line 19, *for "Mayor" read "Mayors."*
 " 24, " 21, *for "Holborow" read "Nolborow."*
 " 30, 8 lines from bottom, *for "346, p." read "330, No."*
 " 33, line 19, *for "Magdalene" read "Magdalen."*
 " 35, " 4 }
 " 37, " 3 } *for "346" read "330."*
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 " 73, line 27, *for "Lord Chancellor" read "Lord Keeper."*
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 " 86, line 4, *for "Magdalene" read "Magdalen."*
 " 100, " 16, *for "1,002l." read "802l."*
 " 105, " 15, *for "Williamson" read "James Hickes."*
 " 105, margin, *for "Lyme" read "Plymouth."*
 " 113, line 3, *for "Warwick" read "Norwich."*
 " 122, " 20, *for "Crofts" read "Crosse."*
 " 123, " 29, *for "Ferri" read "Forni."*
 " 130, " 9, *for "62" read "64."*
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 " 172, 12 lines from bottom, *for "Brooker" read "Brooke."*
 " 175, margin, *for "April 5" read "April 15."*
 " 176, line 13, *for "Cole's" read "Coles'."*
 " 185, 8 lines from bottom, *for "Forne" read "Forni."*
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 " 204, margin, *for "Lisbon" read "Lisburn."*
 " 205, 7 lines from bottom, *for "Mayor" read "Mayors."*
 " 206, line 17, *dele "Sir."*
 " 208, 14 lines from bottom, *for "Mayor" read "Mayors."*
 " 209, line 10, *for "Edwin" read "Edward."*
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 " 218, " 17, } *for "Mayor" read "Mayors."*
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There are at present six independent manuscripts of the Saxon Chronicle, ending in different years, and written in different parts of the country. In this edition, the text of each manuscript is printed in columns on the same page, so that the student may see at a glance the various changes which occur in orthography.

24. LETTERS AND PAPERS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE REIGNS OF RICHARD III. AND HENRY VII. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* JAMES GAIRDNER. 1861-1863.

The principal contents of the volumes are some diplomatic Papers of Richard III, correspondence between Henry VII, and Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain; documents relating to Edmund de la Pole, Earl of Suffolk; and a portion of the correspondence of James IV, of Scotland.

25. LETTERS OF BISHOP GROSSETESTE. *Edited by* the Rev. HENRY RICHARDS LUARD, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1861.

The letters of Robert Grosseteste range in date from about 1210 to 1253, and relate to various matters connected not only with the political history of England during the reign of Henry III., but with its ecclesiastical condition. They refer especially to the diocese of Lincoln, of which Grosseteste was bishop.

26. DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE OF MANUSCRIPTS RELATING TO THE HISTORY OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND. Vol. I. (in Two Parts); Anterior to the Norman Invasion. Vol. II.; 1066-1200. Vol. III.; 1200-1327. *By* Sir THOMAS DUFFUS HARDY, D.C.L., Deputy Keeper of the Records. 1862-1871.

The object of this work is to publish notices of all known sources of British history, both printed and unprinted, in one continued sequence. The materials, when historical (as distinguished from biographical), are arranged under the year in which the latest event is recorded in the chronicle or history, and not under the period in which its author, real or supposed, flourished. Biographies are enumerated under the year in which the person commemorated died, and not under the year in which the life was written. A brief analysis of each work has been added when deserving it, in which original portions are distinguished from mere compilations. A biographical sketch of the author of each piece has been added, and a brief notice of such British authors as have written on historical subjects.

27. ROYAL AND OTHER HISTORICAL LETTERS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE REIGN OF HENRY III. Vol. I., 1216-1235. Vol. II., 1236-1272. *Selected and edited by* the Rev. W. W. SHIRLEY, D.D., Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History, and Canon of Christ Church, Oxford. 1862-1866.

28. CHRONICA MONASTERII S. ALBANI.—1. THOMÆ WALSINGHAM HISTORIA ANGLICANA; Vol. I., 1272-1381; Vol. II., 1381-1422. 2. WILLELMI RISHANGER CHRONICA ET ANNALES, 1259-1307. 3. JOHANNIS DE TROKELowe ET HENRICI DE BLANEFORDE CHRONICA ET ANNALES, 1259-1296; 1307-1324; 1392-1406. 4. GESTA ABBATUM MONASTERII S. ALBANI, A THOMA WALSINGHAM, REGNANTE RICARDO SECUNDO, EJUSDEM ECCLESIE PRÆCENTORE, COMPILATA; Vol. I., 793-1290; Vol. II., 1290-1349; Vol. III., 1349-1411. 5. JOHANNIS AMUNDESHAM, MONACHI MONASTERII S. ALBANI, UT VIDETUR, ANNALES; Vols. I. and II. 6. REGISTRA QUORUNDAM ABBATUM MONASTERII S. ALBANI, QUI SÆCULO XV^{mo} FLORUERE; Vol. I., REGISTRUM ABBATIS JOHANNIS WHETHAMSTEDE, ABBATIS MONASTERII SANCTI ALBANI, ITERUM SUSCEPTÆ; ROBERTO BLAKENEY, CAPELLANO, QUONDAM ADSRIPTUM; Vol. II., REGISTRA JOHANNIS WHETHAMSTEDE, WILLELMI ALBON, ET WILLELMI WALINGFORDE, ABBATUM MONASTERII SANCTI ALBANI, CUM APPENDICE, CONTINENTE QUASDAM EPISTOLAS, A JOHANNE WHETHAMSTEDE CONSCRIPTAS. 7. YPODIGMA NEUSTRIÆ A THOMA WALSINGHAM, QUONDAM MONACHO MONASTERII S. ALBANI, CONSCRIPTUM. *Edited by* HENRY THOMAS RILEY, M.A., Barrister-at-Law. 1863-1876.

In the first two volumes is a History of England, from the death of Henry III. to the death of Henry V., by Thomas Walsingham, Precentor of St. Albans.

In the 3rd volume is a Chronicle of English History, attributed to William Rishanger, who lived in the reign of Edward I.; an account of transactions attending the award of the kingdom of Scotland to John Balliol, 1291-1292, also attributed to William Rishanger but on no sufficient ground: a short Chronicle of English History, 1292 to 1300, by an unknown hand: a short Chronicle Willelmi Rishanger Gesta Edwardi Primi, Regis Angliæ, with Annales Regum Angliæ, probably by the same hand: and fragments of three Chronicles of English History, 1285 to 1307.

In the 4th volume is a Chronicle of English History, 1259 to 1296: Annals of Edward II., 1307 to 1323, by John de Trokelowe, a monk of St. Albans, and a continuation of Trokelowe's Annals, 1323, 1324, by Henry de Blanford: a full Chronicle of English History, 1392 to 1406; and an account of the Benefactors of St. Albans, written in the early part of the 15th century.

The 5th, 6th, and 7th volumes contain a history of the Abbots of St. Albans, 793 to 1411, mainly compiled by Thomas Walsingham: with a Continuation.

The 8th and 9th volumes, in continuation of the Annals, contain a Chronicle, probably by John Amundesham, a monk of St. Albans.

The 10th and 11th volumes relate especially to the acts and proceedings of Abbots Whethamstede, Albon, and Wallingford.

The 12th volume contains a compendious History of England to the reign of Henry V., and of Normandy in early times, also by Thomas Walsingham, and dedicated to Henry V.

29. *CHRONICON ABBATIE EVESHAMENSIS, AUCTORIBUS DOMINICO PRIORE EVESHAMIE ET THOMA DE MARLEBERGE ABBATE, A FUNDATIONE AD ANNUM 1213, UNA CUM CONTINUATIONE AD ANNUM 1418.* Edited by the Rev. W. D. MACRAY, Bodleian Library, Oxford. 1863.

The Chronicle of Evesham illustrates the history of that important monastery from about 690 to 1418. Its chief feature is an autobiography, which makes us acquainted with the inner daily life of a great abbey. Interspersed are many notices of general, personal, and local history.

30. *RICARDI DE CIRENCESTRIA SPECULUM HISTORIALE DE GESTIS REGUM ANGLIE.* Vol. I., 447-871. Vol. II., 872-1066. Edited by JOHN E. B. MAYOR, M.A., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. 1863-1869.

Richard of Cirencester's history, in four books, extends from 447 to 1066. It gives many charters in favour of Westminster Abbey, and a very full account of the lives and miracles of the saints, especially of Edward the Confessor, whose reign occupies the fourth book. A treatise on the Coronation, by William of Sudbury, a monk of Westminster, fills book ii. c. 3.

31. *YEAR BOOKS OF THE REIGN OF EDWARD THE FIRST.* Years 20-21, 21-22, 30-31, 32-33, and 33-35 Edw. I.; and 11-12 Edw. III. Edited and translated by ALFRED JOHN HORWOOD, Barrister-at-Law. Years 12-13, 13-14, 14, 14-15, and 15, Edward III. Edited and translated by LUKE OWEN PIKE, M.A., Barrister-at-Law. 1863-1891.

The "Year Books" are the earliest of our Law Reports. They contain matter not only of practical utility to lawyers in the present day, but also illustrative of almost every branch of history, while for certain philological purposes they hold a position absolutely unique.

32. *NARRATIVES OF THE EXPULSION OF THE ENGLISH FROM NORMANDY, 1449-1450.—Robertus Blondelli de Reductione Normanniæ: Le Recouvrement de Normendie, par Berry, Hérault du Roy: Conférences between the Ambassadors of France and England.* Edited by the Rev. JOSEPH STEVENSON, M.A. 1863.

33. *HISTORIA ET CARTULARIUM MONASTERII S. PETRI GLOUCESTRIÆ.* Vols. I., II., and III. Edited by W. H. HART, F.S.A., Membre correspondant de la Société des Antiquaires de Normandie. 1863-1867.

34. *ALEXANDRI NECKAM DE NATURIS RERUM LIBRI DUO; with NECKAM'S POEM, DE LAUDIBUS DIVINÆ SAPIENTIÆ.* Edited by THOMAS WRIGHT, M.A. 1863.

In the *De Naturis Rerum* are to be found what may be called the rudiments of many sciences mixed up with much error and ignorance. Neckam had his own views in morals, and in giving us a glimpse of them, as well as of his other opinions, he throws much light upon the manners, customs, and general tone of thought prevalent in the twelfth century.

35. *LEECHDOMS, WORTCUNNING, AND STARCRAFT OF EARLY ENGLAND; being a Collection of Documents illustrating the History of Science in this Country before the Norman Conquest.* Vols. I., II., and III. Collected and edited by the Rev. T. OSWALD COCKAYNE, M.A. 1864-1866.

36. *ANNALES MONASTICI.* Vol. I.:—*Annales de Margan, 1066-1232; Annales de Theokesberia, 1066-1263; Annales de Burton, 1004-1263.* Vol. II.:—*Annales Monasterii de Wintonia, 519-1277; Annales Monasterii de Waverleia, 1-1291.* Vol. III.:—*Annales Prioratus de Dunstaplia, 1-1297. Annales Monasterii de Bermundeseia, 1042-1432.* Vol. IV.:—*Annales Monasterii de Oseneia, 1016-1347; Chronicon vulgo dictum Chronicon Thomæ Wykes, 1066-1289; Annales Prioratus de Wigornia, 1-1377.* Vol. V.:—*Index and Glossary.* Edited by HENRY RICHARDS LUARD, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, and Registry of the University, Cambridge. 1864-1869.

The present collection embraces chronicles compiled in religious houses in England during the thirteenth century. These distinct works are ten in number. The extreme period which they embrace ranges from the year 1 to 1432.

37. *MAGNA VITA S. HUGONIS EPISCOPI LINCOLNIENSIS.* Edited by the Rev. JAMES F. DIMOCK, M.A., Rector of Barnburgh, Yorkshire. 1864.

This work is valuable, not only as a biography of a celebrated ecclesiastic but as the work of a man, who, from personal knowledge, gives notices of passing events, as well as of individuals who were then taking active part in public affairs.

38. *CHRONICLES AND MEMORIALS OF THE REIGN OF RICHARD THE FIRST.* Vol. I.:—*ITINERARIUM PEREGRINORUM ET GESTA REGIS RICARDI.* Vol. II.:—*EPISTOLÆ CANTUARIENSES*; the Letters of the Prior and Convent of Christ Church, Canterbury; 1187 to 1199. Edited by the Rev. WILLIAM STUBBS, M.A., Vicar of Navestock, Essex, and Lambeth Librarian. 1864–1865.

The authorship of the Chronicle in Vol. I., hitherto ascribed to Geoffrey Vinesauf, is now more correctly ascribed to Richard, Canon of the Holy Trinity of London.

In letters in Vol. II., written between 1187 and 1199, had their origin in a dispute which arose from the attempts of Baldwin and Hubert, archbishops of Canterbury, to found a college of secular canons, a project which gave great umbrage to the monks of Canterbury.

39. *RECUEIL DES CRONIQUES ET ANCHIENNES ISTORIES DE LA GRANT BRETAGNE A PRESENT NOMME ENGLETERRE*, par JEHAN DE WAURIN. Vol. I. Albina to 688. Vol. II., 1399–1422. Vol. III., 1422–1431. Edited by WILLIAM HARDY, F.S.A. 1864–1879. Vol. IV., 1431–1447. Vol. V., 1447–1471. Edited by Sir WILLIAM HARDY, F.S.A., and EDWARD L. C. P. HARDY, F.S.A. 1884–1891.

40. *A COLLECTION OF THE CHRONICLES AND ANCIENT HISTORIES OF GREAT BRITAIN, NOW CALLED ENGLAND*, by JOHN DE WAURIN. Vol. I., Albina to 668. Vol. II., 1399–1422. Vol. III., 1422–1431. (Translations of the preceding Vols. I., II., and III.) Edited and translated by Sir WILLIAM HARDY, F.S.A., and EDWARD L. C. P. HARDY, F.S.A. 1864–1891.

41. *POLYCHRONICON RANULPHI HIGDEN*, with Trevisa's Translation. Vols. I. and II. Edited by CHURCHILL BABINGTON, B.D., Senior Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. Vols. III.–IX. Edited by the Rev. JOSEPH RAWSON LUMBY, D.D., Norrisian Professor of Divinity, Vicar of St. Edward's, Fellow of St. Catharine's College, and late Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge. 1865–1886.

This chronicle begins with the creation, and is brought down to the reign of Edward III. It enables us to form a very fair estimate of the knowledge of history and geography which well-informed readers of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries possessed, for it was then the standard work on general history.

The two English translations, which are printed with the original Latin, afford interesting illustrations of the gradual change of our language, for one was made in the fourteenth century, the other in the fifteenth.

42. *LE LIVRE DE REIS DE BRITTANIE E LE LIVRE DE REIS DE ENGLETERE.* Edited by the Rev. JOHN GLOVER, M.A., Vicar of Brading, Isle of Wight, formerly Librarian of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1865.

These two treatises are valuable as careful abstracts of previous historians. Some various readings are given which are interesting to the philologist as instances of semi-Saxonised French.

43. *CHRONICA MONASTERII DE MELSA AB ANNO 1150 USQUE AD ANNUM 1406.* Vols. I., II., and III. Edited by EDWARD AUGUSTUS BOND, Assistant Keeper of Manuscripts, and Egerton Librarian, British Museum. 1866–1868.

The Abbey of Meaux was a Cistercian house, and the work of its abbot is a faithful and often minute record of the establishment of a religious community, of its progress in forming an ample revenue, of its struggles to maintain its acquisitions, and of its relations to the governing institutions of the country.

44. *MATTHÆ PARISIENSIS HISTORIA ANGLORUM, SIVE, UT VULGO DICITUR, HISTORIA MINOR.* Vols. I., II., and III. 1067–1253. Edited by Sir FREDERICK MADDEN, K.H., Keeper of the Manuscript Department of British Museum. 1866–1869.

45. *LIBER MONASTERII DE HYDA: A CHRONICLE AND CHARTULARY OF HYDE ABBEY, WINCHESTER, 455–1023.* Edited by EDWARD EDWARDS. 1866.

The "Book of Hyde" is a compilation from much earlier sources which are usually indicated with considerable care and precision. In many cases, however, the Hyde

Chronicle appears to correct, to qualify, or to amplify the statements, which, in substance, he adopts.

There is to be found, in the "Book of Hyde," much information relating to the reign of King Alfred which is not known to exist elsewhere. The volume contains some curious specimens of Anglo-Saxon and mediæval English.

46. *CHRONICON SCOTORUM: A CHRONICLE OF IRISH AFFAIRS, from the earliest times to 1135; and SUPPLEMENT, containing the Events from 1141 to 1150. Edited, with Translation, by WILLIAM MAUNSELL HENNESSY, M.R.I.A. 1866.*

47. *THE CHRONICLE OF PIERRE DE LANGTOFT, IN FRENCH VERSE, FROM THE EARLIEST PERIOD TO THE DEATH OF EDWARD I. Vols. I. and II. Edited by THOMAS WRIGHT, M.A. 1866-1868.*

It is probable that Pierre de Langtoft was a canon of Bridlington, in Yorkshire, and lived in the reign of Edward I., and during a portion of the reign of Edward II. This chronicle is divided into three parts; in the first, is an abridgment of Geoffrey of Monmouth's "Historia Britonum;" in the second, a history of the Anglo-Saxon and Norman kings, to the death of Henry III.; in the third, a history of the reign of Edward I. The language is a curious specimen of the French of Yorkshire.

48. *THE WAR OF THE GAEDHIL WITH THE GAILL, OR THE INVASIONS OF IRELAND BY THE DANES AND OTHER NORSEMEN. Edited, with a Translation, by the Rev. JAMES HENTHORN TODD, D.D., Senior Fellow of Trinity College, and Regius Professor of Hebrew in the University of Dublin. 1867.*

The work in its present form, in the editor's opinion, is a comparatively modern version of an ancient original. The story is told after the manner of the Scandinavian Sagas.

49. *GESTA REGIS HENRICI SECUNDI BENEDICTI ABBATIS. CHRONICLE OF THE REIGNS OF HENRY II. AND RICHARD I., 1169-1192, known under the name of BENEDICT OF PETERBOROUGH. Vols. I. and II. Edited by the Rev. WILLIAM STUBBS, M.A., Regius Professor of Modern History, Oxford, and Lambeth Librarian. 1867.*

50. *MUNIMENTA ACADEMICA, OR, DOCUMENTS ILLUSTRATIVE OF ACADEMICAL LIFE AND STUDIES AT OXFORD (in Two Parts). Edited by the Rev. HENRY ANSTEY, M.A., Vicar of St. Wendron, Cornwall, and lately Vice-Principal of St. Mary Hall, Oxford. 1868.*

51. *CHRONICA MAGISTRI ROGERI DE HOVEDENE. Vols. I., II., III., and IV. Edited by the Rev. WILLIAM STUBBS, M.A., Regius Professor of Modern History, and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford. 1868-1871.*

The earlier portion, extending from 732 to 1148, appears to be a copy of a compilation made in Northumbria about 1161, to which Hoveden added little. From 1148 to 1169—a very valuable portion of this work—the matter is derived from another source, to which Hoveden appears to have supplied little. From 1170 to 1192 is the portion which corresponds to some extent with the Chronicle known under the name of Benedict of Peterborough (see No. 49). From 1192 to 1201 may be said to be wholly Hoveden's work.

52. *WILLELMI MALMESBIRIENSIS MONACHI DE GESTIS PONTIFICUM ANGLORUM LIBRI QUINQUE. Edited by N. E. S. A. HAMILTON, of the Department of Manuscripts, British Museum. 1870.*

53. *HISTORIC AND MUNICIPAL DOCUMENTS OF IRELAND, FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN, &c. 1172-1320. Edited by JOHN T. GILBERT, F.S.A., Secretary of the Public Record Office of Ireland. 1870.*

54. *THE ANNALS OF LOCH CÉ. A CHRONICLE OF IRISH AFFAIRS, FROM 1041 to 1590. Vols. I. and II. Edited, with a Translation, by WILLIAM MAUNSELL HENNESSY, M.R.I.A. 1871.*

55. *MONUMENTA JURIDICA. THE BLACK BOOK OF THE ADMIRALTY, WITH APPENDICES, Vols. I.-IV. Edited by SIR TRAVERS TWISS, Q.C., D.C.L. 1871-1876.*

This book contains the ancient ordinances and laws relating to the navy.

56. *MEMORIALS OF THE REIGN OF HENRY VI.:—OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THOMAS BEKYNTON, SECRETARY TO HENRY VI., AND BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS. Edited by the Rev. GEORGE WILLIAMS, B.D., Vicar of Ringwood, late Fellow of King's College, Cambridge. Vols. I. and II. 1872.*

57. MATTHÆI PARISIENSIS, MONACHI SANCTI ALBANI, CHRONICA MAJORA. Vol. I. The Creation to A.D. 1066. Vol. II. A.D. 1067 to A.D. 1216. Vol. III. A.D. 1216 to A.D. 1239. Vol. IV. A.D. 1240 to A.D. 1247. Vol. V. A.D. 1248 to A.D. 1259. Vol. VI. Additamenta. Vol. VII. Index. *Edited by* the Rev. HENRY RICHARDS LUARD, D.D., Fellow of Trinity College, Registry of the University, and Vicar of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge. 1872-1884.
58. MEMORIALE FRATRIS WALTERI DE COVENTRIA.—THE HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS OF WALTER OF COVENTRY. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* the Rev. WILLIAM STUBBS, M.A., Regius Professor of Modern History, and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford. 1872-1873.
The part relating to the first quarter of the thirteenth century is the most valuable.
59. THE ANGLO-LATIN SATIRICAL POETS AND EPIGRAMMATISTS OF THE TWELFTH CENTURY. Vols. I. and II. *Collected and edited by* THOMAS WRIGHT, M.A., Corresponding Member of the National Institute of France (Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres). 1872.
60. MATERIALS FOR A HISTORY OF THE REIGN OF HENRY VII., FROM ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS PRESERVED IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* the Rev. WILLIAM CAMPBELL, M.A., one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools. 1873-1877.
61. HISTORICAL PAPERS AND LETTERS FROM THE NORTHERN REGISTERS. *Edited by* the Rev. JAMES RAINE, M.A., Canon of York, and Secretary of the Surtees Society. 1873.
62. REGISTRUM PALATINUM DUNELMENSE. THE REGISTER OF RICHARD DE KELLAWE, LORD PALATINE AND BISHOP OF DURHAM; 1311-1316. Vols. I.-IV. *Edited by* Sir THOMAS DUFFUS HARDY, D.C.L., Deputy Keeper of the Records. 1873-1878.
63. MEMORIALS OF SAINT DUNSTAN, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY. *Edited by* the Rev. WILLIAM STUBBS, M.A., Regius Professor of Modern History, and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford. 1874.
64. CHRONICON ANGLIÆ, AB ANNO DOMINI 1328 USQUE AD ANNUM 1388, AUCTORE MONACHO QUODAM SANCTI ALBANI. *Edited by* EDWARD MAUNDE THOMPSON, Barrister-at-Law, Assistant Keeper of the Manuscripts in the British Museum. 1874.
65. THÓMAS SAGA ERKIBYSKUPS. A LIFE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS BECKET, IN ICELANDIC. Vols. I. and II. *Edited, with English Translation, Notes, and Glossary by* M. EIRÍKR MAGNÚSSON, M.A., Sub-Librarian of the University Library, Cambridge. 1875-1884.
66. RADULPHI DE COGGESHALL CHRONICON ANGLICANUM. *Edited by* the Rev. JOSEPH STEVENSON, M.A. 1875.
67. MATERIALS FOR THE HISTORY OF THOMAS BECKET, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY. Vols. I.-VI. *Edited by* the Rev. JAMES CRAIGIE ROBERTSON, M.A., Canon of Canterbury. 1875-1883. Vol. VII. *Edited by* JOSEPH BRIGSTOCKE SHEPPARD, LL.D. 1885.
The first volume contains the life of that celebrated man, and the miracles after his death, by William, a monk of Canterbury. The second, the life by Benedict of Peterborough; John of Salisbury; Alan of Tewkesbury; and Edward Grim. The third, the life by William Fitzstephen; and Herbert of Bosham. The fourth, anonymous lives, Quadri-logus, &c. The fifth, sixth, and seventh, the Epistles, and known letters.
68. RADULFI DE DICETO DECANI LUNDONIENSIS OPERA HISTORICA. THE HISTORICAL WORKS OF MASTER RALPH DE DICETO, DEAN OF LONDON. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* the Rev. WILLIAM STUBBS M.A., Regius Professor of Modern History, and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford. 1876.

The abbreviations Chroniconum extend to 1147 and the Ymagines Historiarum to 1201.

69. ROLL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE KING'S COUNCIL IN IRELAND, FOR A PORTION OF THE 16TH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF RICHARD II. 1392-93. *Edited by* the Rev. JAMES GRAVES, A.B. 1877.
70. HENRICI DE BRACON DE LEGIBUS ET CONSUEUDINIBUS ANGLIÆ LIBRI QUINQUE IN VARIOS TRACTATUS DISTINCTI. Vols. I.-VI. *Edited by* SIR TRAVERS TWISS, Q.C., D.C.L. 1878-1883.
71. THE HISTORIANS OF THE CHURCH OF YORK, AND ITS ARCHBISHOPS. Vols. I.-III. *Edited by* the Rev. JAMES RAINE, M.A., Canon of York, and Secretary of the Surtees Society. 1879-1894.
72. REGISTRUM MALMESBURIENSE. THE REGISTER OF MALMESBURY ABBEY; PRESERVED IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* the Rev. J. S. BREWER, M.A., Preacher at the Rolls, and Rector of Toppesfield; and CHARLES TRICE MARTIN, B.A. 1879-1880.
73. HISTORICAL WORKS OF GERVASE OF CANTERBURY. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* the Rev. WILLIAM STUBBS, D.D.; Canon Residentiary of St. Paul's, London; Regius Professor of Modern History and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford; &c. 1879, 1880.
74. HENRICI ARCHIDIACONI HUNTENDUNENSIS HISTORIA ANGLORUM. THE HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH, BY HENRY, ARCHDEACON OF HUNTINGDON, from A.D. 55 to A.D. 1154, in Eight Books. *Edited by* THOMAS ARNOLD, M.A. 1879.
75. THE HISTORICAL WORKS OF SYMEON OF DURHAM. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* THOMAS ARNOLD, M.A. 1882-1885.
76. CHRONICLE OF THE REIGNS OF EDWARD I. AND EDWARD II. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* the Rev. WILLIAM STUBBS, D.D., Canon Residentiary of St. Paul's, London; Regius Professor of Modern History, and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, &c. 1882, 1883.
- The first volume of these Chronicles contains the *Annales Londonienses* and the *Annales Paulini*; the second I.—*Commendatio Lamentabilis in Transitu magni Regis Edwardi*. II.—*Gesta Edwardi de Carnarvan Auctore Canonico Bridlingtoniensi*. III.—*Monachi cujusdam Malmesberiensis Vita Edwardi II.* IV.—*Vita et Mors Edwardi II., conscripta a Thoma de la Moore.*
77. REGISTRUM EPISTOLARUM FRATRIS JOHANNIS PECKHAM, ARCHIEPISCOPI CANTUARIENSIS. Vols. I.-III. *Edited by* CHARLES TRICE MARTIN, B.A., F.S.A., 1882-1886.
78. REGISTER OF S. OSMUND. *Edited by* the Rev. W. H. RICH JONES, M.A., F.S.A., Canon of Salisbury, Vicar of Bradford-on-Avon. Vols. I. and II. 1883, 1884.
- This Register derives its name from containing the statutes, rules, and orders made or compiled by S. Osmund, to be observed in the Cathedral and diocese of Salisbury.
79. CHARTULARY OF THE ABBEY OF RAMSEY. Vols. I.-III. *Edited by* WILLIAM HENRY HART, F.S.A., and the Rev. PONSONBY ANNESLEY LYONS. 1884-1893.
80. CHARTULARIES OF ST. MARY'S ABBEY, DUBLIN, WITH THE REGISTER OF ITS HOUSE AT DUNBRODY, COUNTY OF WEXFORD, AND ANNALS OF IRELAND, 1162-1370. *Edited by* JOHN THOMAS GILBERT, F.S.A., M.R.I.A. Vols. I. and II. 1884, 1885.
81. EADMERI HISTORIA NOVORUM IN ANGLIA, ET OPUSCULA DUO DE VITA SANCTI ANSELMI ET QUIBUSDAM MIRACULIS EJUS. *Edited by* the Rev. MARTIN RULE, M.A. 1884.
82. CHRONICLES OF THE REIGNS OF STEPHEN, HENRY II., AND RICHARD I. Vols. I.-IV. *Edited by* RICHARD HOWLETT, Barrister-at-Law. 1884-1890.

Vol. I. contains Books I.-IV. of the *Historia Rerum Anglicarum* of William of Newburgh. Vol. II. contains Book V. of that work, the continuation of the same to A.D. 1298 and the *Draco Normannicus* of Etienne de Rouen.

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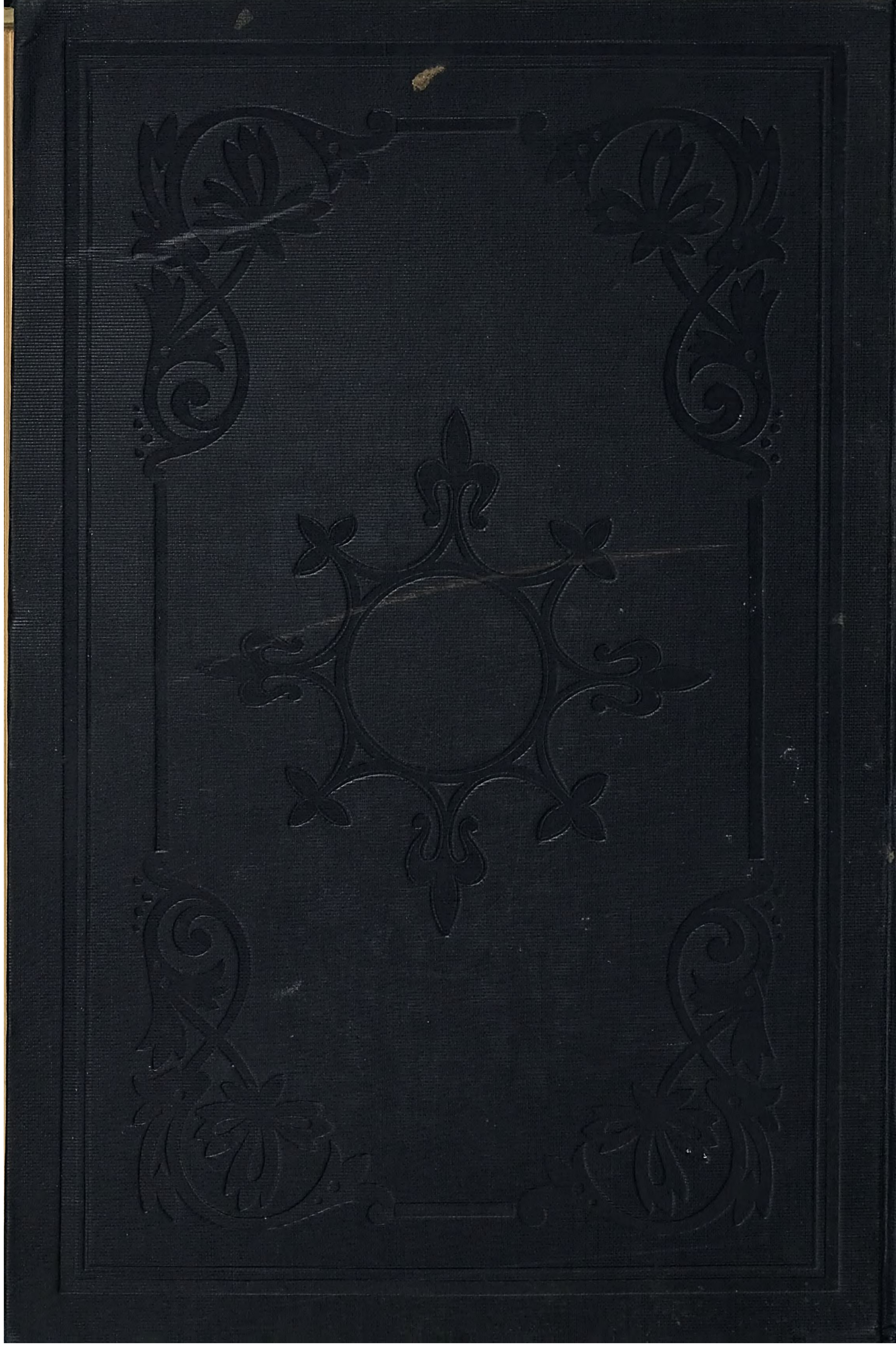
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